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High court sides with Big Tech in content suit

Justices sidestep ruling on liability law in case on terrorism-related posts

BY ROBERT BARNES AND CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the families of terrorism victims had not proved Google, Twitter and Facebook helped foster attacks on their loved ones, and handed a greater victory to the tech industry by declining to weigh in on a protective internet law at the center of the debate over social media regulation.

The families "never allege that, after defendants established their platforms, they gave ISIS any special treatment or words of encouragement," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for a unanimous court. "Nor is there reason to think that defendants selected or took any action at all with respect to ISIS' content (except, perhaps, blocking some of it)."

The case involved allegations against Twitter, Facebook and Google, which owns YouTube. The court adopted similar reasoning in a separate lawsuit against Google filed by a different family.

The narrowly focused rulings sidestepped requests to limit Section 230, a legal provision that protects social media platforms from lawsuits over offen-

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Companies win a round on legal protections

BY WILL OREMUS

In a pair of lawsuits targeting Twitter, Google and Facebook, the Supreme Court had its first chance to take on the 1996 law that helped give rise to social media. But instead of weighing in on Section 230, which shields online services from liability for what their users post, the court decided the platforms didn't need special protections to avoid liability for hosting terrorist content.

That finding issued Thursday is a blow to the idea, gaining adherents in Congress and the White House, that today's social media platforms ought to be held responsible when their software amplifies harmful content. The Supreme Court ruled that they should not, at least under U.S. terrorism law.

"Plaintiffs assert that defendants' 'recommendation' algorithms go beyond passive aid and constitute active, substantial assistance" to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in the court's unan-

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In Ukraine's capital, a constant threat from the skies



REUTERS

A Russian missile explodes Thursday over Kyiv as Moscow continued strikes on the Ukrainian capital. Debris fell on the city, but no casualties were reported. Ukraine's air force said it destroyed 29 of 30 missiles and four drones during the overnight strikes, which city officials said amounted to the ninth air attack on the capital this month.

Kyiv's war machine running on fumes

Western governments, which have been slow to ramp up production, can't make arms fast enough

BY CATHERINE BELTON AND EMILY RAUHALA

When Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky made a whirlwind tour of Western capitals this week, the billions of dollars in new military support was a sign that European governments were finally digging deep to provide sustained backing for a protracted war.

Zelensky had made clear ahead of his visits to Berlin, Paris and London that Ukraine's much anticipated counteroffensive could not begin until more weapons and ammunition had been secured.

But while British deliveries of long-range missiles known as Storm Shadows could significantly enhance Ukraine's offensive capabilities, much of the weaponry pledged by European leaders this week is unlikely to reach the battlefield until well after the start of the counteroffensive, military experts say, and Europe's ability to sustain such support into the future remains unclear.

Western governments, in particular European ones, have failed to act fast enough to turn around their industrial policy to meet Ukraine's growing needs for artillery ammunition, armored vehicles and other

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Chief ousted a neo-Nazi, then faced hard part

Illinois force's year of reckoning shows difficulties of fighting extremism within policing

BY HANNAH ALLAM
IN SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Around 6 a.m. one Friday last year, Springfield Police Chief Ken Scarlette was jolted awake by a call from his deputy, whose tone was grim: "We have a problem here."

The problem was Aaron Paul Nichols, an officer with 18 years' service who also had served for two decades as a U.S. military reservist. Anonymous activists had released an online report unmasking Nichols as a white supremacist who was behind tens of thousands of social media posts seething with hate.

Because of the timing — April 1, 2022 — Scarlette wondered for a second whether this was an April Fools' prank on the new boss. He had been sworn in just six weeks before. But the details in the exposé left no doubt. As Scarlette read one damning revelation after another, it began to sink in that the Officer Nichols he knew as an even-tempered professional had a secret life spreading neo-Nazi beliefs.

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Police Chief Ken Scarlette of Springfield, Ill., acted quickly when he learned of an officer's hate-filled online posts. His response stands out in a field with few agreed-upon standards for such cases.

Claimed killing of militant in doubt

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Family: Syrian a civilian, not an al-Qaeda leader

BY OMAR NEZHAT, MEG KELLY, ALEX HORTON AND IMOGEN PIPER

QORQANYA, SYRIA — U.S. military officials are walking back claims that a recent strike in Syria killed an influential al-Qaeda figure, following assertions by the dead man's family that he had no ties to terrorists but was a father of 10 tending to his sheep when he was slain by an American missile.

Lotfi Hassan Misto, 56, whose family identified him as the victim of a Hellfire missile attack on May 3, was a former bricklayer who lived quietly in this town in northwest Syria, according to interviews with his brother, son and six others who knew him. They described a kind, hardworking man whose "whole life was spent poor."

The operation was overseen by U.S. Central Command, which claimed hours after the strike, without citing evidence or naming a suspect, that the Predator drone strike had targeted a "senior Al Qaeda leader." But now there is doubt inside the Pentagon about who was killed, two U.S. defense officials told The Washington Post.

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Amid crisis, Democrats push anew to end debt limit

BY TONY ROMM

The first time Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) tried to abolish the debt limit, he pleaded with lawmakers to "stop these attempts to govern through threats" that put the economy at risk.

That was in 2017, the same year that a Republican revolt brought the United States within weeks of a catastrophic default. But Congress did nothing to change the underlying law that September, nor when he and other Democrats tried again in 2019, and 2021, and just this past April, even while a wave of similar fiscal standoffs roiled Washington.

Now, the crisis that Schatz and other Democratic lawmakers have long labored to prevent has the country two weeks away from running out of money to pay its bills. The potential for doomsday has affirmed for some Democrats the point they've been straining to make: The debt ceiling simply shouldn't exist in the first place.

"I just always thought this was the stupidest thing we do, and we do a fair number of stupid things," Schatz said this week.

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• In 2017 and 2018, The Washington Post published multiple articles that cited data from Hamilton 68, an online tool created by the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, to detect Russian influence online. Media coverage of this tool has come under scrutiny in recent months from critics questioning the validity of Hamilton 68's research methods. In light of these questions, The Post reviewed its articles and concluded that they appropriately reported on emerging research, including Hamilton 68, to offer insights into the nature of Russian influence operations in the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election. But the review found some imprecision in how five print articles described Hamilton 68 and its findings:

Three articles — published on Aug. 8, 2017; Jan. 20, 2018; and Jan. 25, 2018 — incorrectly implied that Hamilton 68 tracked the entire universe of Russian-linked propaganda on Twitter. The project attempted to detect Russian disinformation campaigns on the platform by monitoring several hundred accounts that "were selected for their clear connection to Russian influence," according to the dashboard's methodology.

The Aug. 8, 2017, article also incorrectly implied that the Twitter accounts tracked by Hamilton 68 were controlled by the Russian government or its agents. The researchers said the accounts echoed Russian propaganda but did not reveal the identities of the Twitter accounts they monitored or who controlled them. A Feb. 17, 2018, article contained the same error.

A June 27, 2018, article incorrectly stated that all of the Twitter accounts tracked by Hamilton 68 were automated accounts, or bots. The Hamilton 68 researchers said that the list of accounts they followed included bots but that not all of them were.

• A May 17 Metro article about the selection of a planning board chair in Montgomery County incorrectly said that planning board appointee Josh Linden is a Democrat. He is unaffiliated.

• A May 9 Metro article about the Capitol riot sentencing of Navy reservist Hatchet M. Speed incorrectly said that U.S. prosecutors joined a defense request for a sentence that would run concurrently with Speed's sentence in anther case. Speed asked for a concurrent sentence.

• A May 1 A-section article about King Charles III's coronation incorrectly said two British monarchs since 1066 weren't crowned in Westminster Abbey. The number is three. Lady Jane Grey reigned for nine days in 1553 and was never crowned.

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Biden nominee for appeals judge pulls out

One of President Biden's nominees for a federal appeals court position withdrew from consideration on Thursday after months of rare resistance from Democrats in the Senate, who saw the candidate as controversial.

Biden nominated former New Hampshire attorney general Michael Delaney to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit in January. But the nomination languished as senators from both sides of the aisle raised concerns about Delaney's legal record.

Delaney came under criticism from Democrats and Republicans over his controversial stances defending a parental notification law for abortion and representing a private school amid a sexual assault scandal.

Democrats who control the Senate Judiciary Committee held the nomination and never brought it up for a vote.

In a letter to the president, Delaney noted he was "deeply indebted" to New Hampshire Democratic Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan for supporting his nomination.

— Azi Paybarah

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8-year-old girl dies in Border Patrol custody

An 8-year-old girl held at a Border Patrol station in South Texas has died after a medical emergency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement late Wednesday.

The child was detained with her family at the Harlingen station in the Rio Grande Valley, the sector of the border that has seen the highest number of migrant crossings in recent weeks.

No information about the child's nationality was immediately available.

The agency's internal affairs division, the Office of Professional Responsibility, is conducting an investigation into the incident.

The child's death appears to be the first in CBP custody in several years. Unaccompanied minors and families with children who are detained after crossing the border are generally prioritized over adult migrants for quicker processing by CBP.

The Biden administration ended the practice of holding families in immigration detention centers in 2021.

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In Ky., McConnell legacy faces new test

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Far from fading into the twilight, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's presence looms as large as ever in Kentucky politics.

On Tuesday, Republican voters there resoundingly backed his former legal counsel, Attorney General Daniel Cameron, to be their gubernatorial nominee in the fall. To succeed Cameron, Republicans nominated another former McConnell counsel, Russell Coleman, for attorney general. The coveted spot of agriculture commissioner went to the chairman of McConnell's 2020 reelection campaign.

And the incumbent secretary of state, Michael Adams, who was a "McConnell Scholar" at the University of Louisville, easily fended off a right-wing challenge from an election-denying supporter of former president Donald Trump.

"Seems like McConnell's political lineage is pretty healthy," Scott Jennings, a veteran McConnell adviser based in Kentucky, said after the results came in Tuesday.

Love him or hate him — and there's very little in between — the 81-year-old McConnell continues to spread his influence at home in Kentucky, where his prowess is comparable to that of his old nemesis, the late Senate majority leader Harry M. Reid (D), in his home state of Nevada.

McConnell remains unpopular, at home and nationally, as is the modern fate of congressional leaders, but it never particularly fazes someone who has faced just one reelection campaign that concluded within a single-digit margin in his last five reelection victories.

But his future is now more closely watched, having missed several weeks of action in the Senate after a fall in early March led to a concussion and broken rib. Each time Kentucky's voters check off their ballot boxes serves as a chance to size up the potential heirs to McConnell's seat and whether his standing at home has slipped, particularly in the last few years as Trump has blamed the GOP leader for not supporting his attempt to overturn the 2020 election.

McConnell's Senate term runs through 2026, at which point he would have to consider running for a six-year round that would end when he's 90 years old.

What Tuesday's results showed is that, much like Reid in Nevada, McConnell's influence will last for years after he leaves the political limelight.

His biggest Kentucky focus is the governor's race, where Cameron is in what is shaping up to be a high-profile contest between two younger politicians with national ambition.

Cameron, 37, the first Black Republican nominee for Kentucky governor, came up through the University of Louisville's McConnell Center, served as an intern in McConnell's Senate office in 2010 and returned to McConnell's staff full-time as counsel after finishing law school at Louisville.

He returned home in 2017 to begin his race for state attorney general, which he won convincingly in 2019 the same day that Gov. Andy Beshear (D) narrowly defeated the GOP incumbent — the third gubernatorial election of the last four won by the Beshear family.

McConnell and Steve Beshear, the current governor's father, squared off in the 1996 Senate race, ending with a thumping by McConnell. But rather than ending his career in statewide politics — as has happened with every other Democrat felled by McConnell — Steve Beshear rebuilt himself and claimed blowout wins for governor in 2007 and 2011 in the sharply conservative state.

He and McConnell jousted each other year in and year out at the state's political Royal Rumble-esque event, the annual Fancy Farm Picnic political shout-fest in the southwest corner of the state. And this fall — 27 years after their first meeting — the two elder statesmen of Bluegrass State politics square off through their surrogates in a fight that McConnell very much wants to win to stamp out the Democrats.

"This is an important opportunity to finish the job in Kentucky. The governor is just about the last Democrat left," he said in a brief interview Wednesday off the Senate floor.

Andy Beshear, 45, remains one of the most popular governors in the nation and might be a slight favorite for winning reelection. Another victory would make him a national figure heading into 2028 and beyond, having won in such a deep-red state.

When he entered Kentucky politics, Cameron was cast by many McConnell supporters as the heir apparent to take over his seat. Instead, Cameron's star has risen so quickly that his supporters now conjure scenarios in which he bypasses the Senate and, if he wins this fall, positions himself to run for president as the first Black Republican governor in the post-Reconstruction era.

"Daniel is a part of the future of this party," Jennings said, describing him as part of "the next generation" of GOP aspirants to national office.

Cameron carved outs his own identity beyond McConnell protégé during his term as attorney general, in controversial fashion.

His office declined to press charges for the police officers in Louisville who, while executing a no-knock warrant seeking her boyfriend, shot and killed Breonna Taylor. One officer faced local charges, for firing into another apartment.

The case received national attention and sparked protests, along with liberal activists and Hollywood celebrities calling on Cameron to charge the officers for shooting Taylor. Conservatives, however, saw Cameron as withstanding deep criticism from political enemies.

"They tend to reward these people who survive these onslaughts," Jennings said, comparing the conservative response to rallying around Trump. "You have a shield, a force field, around you."

All of which meant that Cameron's main opponent in the gubernatorial primary, former Trump ambassador Kelly Craft, made a mistake when she ran ads trying to call him an "insider" and showing an image of Cameron and McConnell together.

Trump had already endorsed Cameron, who spoke at the 2020 nominating convention, and almost every figure in Kentucky's GOP circles traces their roots to McConnell in some fashion — including Craft.

The wife of a coal executive, her family had been major political donors to his past campaigns, and McConnell testified at both of her confirmation hearings to be ambassador to Canada and then to the United Nations.

The entire statewide GOP slate this fall has ties to the Senate leader, part of his decades-long effort to turn the state red and build allies to win key races.

"Party-building is a lost art among contemporary politicians," Josh Holmes, a longtime political adviser based in Washington, said Wednesday.

Reid arrived in Washington in the early 1980s as the only Democrat in Nevada's congressional delegation. When McConnell first ran for Senate in 1984, just two of Kentucky's nine members of Congress were Republican.

Today, seven of eight Kentuckians in Congress are Republican, while five of the six Nevadans in the Capitol are Democrats.

Democrats invested heavily in 2014 and 2020 trying to defeat McConnell, with both races ending in blowouts. And Holmes learned the hard way how ingrained Reid's operation is, even after his death in 2021. Holmes's firm advised Republican Adam Laxalt in 2022, when he lost to Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.).

McConnell seemed to lose his way in 2010, when his acolyte, Trey Grayson, got soundly defeated by Sen. Rand Paul (R) in the GOP primary. Paul's libertarian style seemed to be on the march in the state, and McConnell courted his support ahead of the 2014 election for both the primary and general elections.

But Paul's style never lent itself to developing other grass-roots politicians, and instead McConnell continued to build the state's political farm team.

Whenever McConnell steps aside, a half-dozen or more Republicans with ties to him could run to replace him in a manner that would leave him feeling comfortable.

For now, however, he just wants to defeat the Beshear family one last time.

"We've got a real chance of picking that governor's seat up this fall," he said Wednesday.



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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), seen in 2021, has consolidated his hold on Kentucky politics. An ally will now face off against a popular Democratic governor with national ambitions.

DeSantis is poised to enter 2024 race next week

BY HANNAH KNOWLES AND JOSH DAWSEY

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis plans to officially enter the 2024 presidential race next week, as the Republican gathers top fundraisers in Miami, according to two people familiar with the plans.

The second-term governor, widely considered at present to be the most viable GOP challenger to former president Donald Trump, has been laying the groundwork for a campaign for months. In speeches around the country, he has touted his landslide reelection win last year and his sweeping legislative agenda in Florida — passed this spring by GOP supermajorities — and also implicitly pitched himself as a better bet than Trump in the general election.

Representatives for DeSantis's political team declined to comment.

DeSantis is also expected to hold an event launching his candidacy in Dunedin, Fla., his hometown, according to one of the people familiar with the plans and another familiar with the kickoff gathering. That event is expected to take place after Memorial Day, according to the first person.

The people familiar with the plans spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe plans that had not been announced publicly. The Wall Street Journal first reported Wednesday evening that DeSantis plans to enter the race next week.

Doubts about DeSantis's presidential prospects have grown in recent months as Trump has surged in national polls of the GOP race and attacked DeSantis, and as some donors have voiced concerns about the governor's policy moves. But the governor has rebuilt some momentum over the past week, rolling out large slates of endorsements from state lawmakers in Iowa, New Hampshire and Florida.

DeSantis's team is convening donors at a Four Seasons hotel in Miami from May 24 to 26 for a gathering expected to start raising money for a presidential campaign, people familiar with the event said. Fundraisers have already been meeting with the governor in small groups in Tallahassee in recent weeks and getting briefings from the DeSantis's expected campaign team.

A super PAC supporting DeSantis has been running ads and organizing in key states. And DeSantis has traveled to early nominating states including Iowa, the first-in-the-nation GOP caucus state, where he spoke at several events Saturday.

"Governing is not about building a brand or talking on social media and virtue signaling," DeSantis said at a GOP picnic in a rural part of Iowa that went heavily for Trump in 2020. "It's ultimately about winning and about producing results."

Trump was set to hold a rally that same day in Des Moines but canceled shortly before he was expected to appear, citing a tornado watch. DeSantis capitalized on the situation by adding a surprise stop a restaurant in the same area, where he and his wife, Casey DeSantis, jumped up on a table to address supporters.

"It's a beautiful night," the governor said, in a seeming dig at Trump as allies of the governor questioned the former president's decision to cancel.

Trump's team has been rolling out its own endorsements recently and dealt DeSantis a blow last month by locking down the support of many members of Congress from Florida. DeSantis's allies shot back Wednesday with endorsements from 99 members of the Florida legislature, headlined by its Senate president and House majority leader.

The rollout came just before DeSantis is expected to weigh in on the budget passed by Florida lawmakers — a fact quickly noted by Trump allies and other Florida Republicans, who pointed out that the governor's line-item veto powers give him enormous influence over lawmakers' budget priorities.

Trump's team is pitching the former president as the inevitable nominee, highlighting polling showing DeSantis and other candidates trailing well behind. Trump has repeatedly called DeSantis disloyal, pointing to his 2018 endorsement that helped the then-congressman win a tough gubernatorial primary against the establishment-backed candidate.

Trump has also latched on to persistent criticisms of DeSantis's retail politics skills, suggesting last week that the governor needs a "personality transplant."

DeSantis said recently that he doesn't plan to rebut every broadside from Trump and expects to respond to the former president on policy, according to donors who met with him for dinners in Tallahassee. Attendees said he also fielded questions about moves that have drawn some opposition from supporters, including his battle with Disney, one of Florida's largest employers.

Disney sued the governor last month, alleging political retaliation — and fueling further criticism of the governor's moves to punish the company since it publicly opposed Republican-led legislation to restrict school discussions of sexual orientation and gender identity.

But the governor's team believes Disney remains a "winning issue," according to one donor who has spoken with the team, and DeSantis has continued to highlight the issue on the trail as he criticizes what he calls "wokeness" in schools, companies and the news media. The donor spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private interactions.

DeSantis will be in New Hampshire on Friday ahead of his official launch.

POLITICS & THE NATION

High court counters Warhol Foundation claim of fair use

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court on Thursday sided with a photographer who claimed the late Andy Warhol should have honored her copyright on a photo of the rock star Prince when creating an iconic artistic image of the late singer.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote for the court majority in the 7-2 decision, which legal experts said could carry far-reaching implications for copyright protection and so-called transformative art. The issue is the legal doctrine called "fair use," which encourages artistic expression by allowing for the use of protected works without the original creator's permission.

But Sotomayor wrote that an important factor to consider is whether the copying work comes with a competing commercial purpose. Both photographer Lynn Goldsmith and the Andy Warhol Foundation were selling their images to magazines.

"Goldsmith's original photograph of Prince, and AWF's copying use of that photograph in an image licensed to a special edition magazine devoted to Prince, share substantially the same purpose, and the use is of a commercial nature," Sotomayor wrote. "AWF has offered no other persuasive justification for its unauthorized use of the photograph."

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel A. Alito Jr., Neil M. Gorsuch, Amy Coney Barrett and Ketanji Brown Jackson joined the opinion, which also said: "Lynn Goldsmith's original works, like those of other photographers, are entitled to copyright protection, even against famous artists."

The case now returns to a lower court, where Goldsmith can press for damages.

Justice Elena Kagan parted ways with Sotomayor, a fellow liberal, writing a lengthy critique of what she indicated was a wrongheaded and uninformed decision that "will impede new art and music and literature" and "make our world poorer."

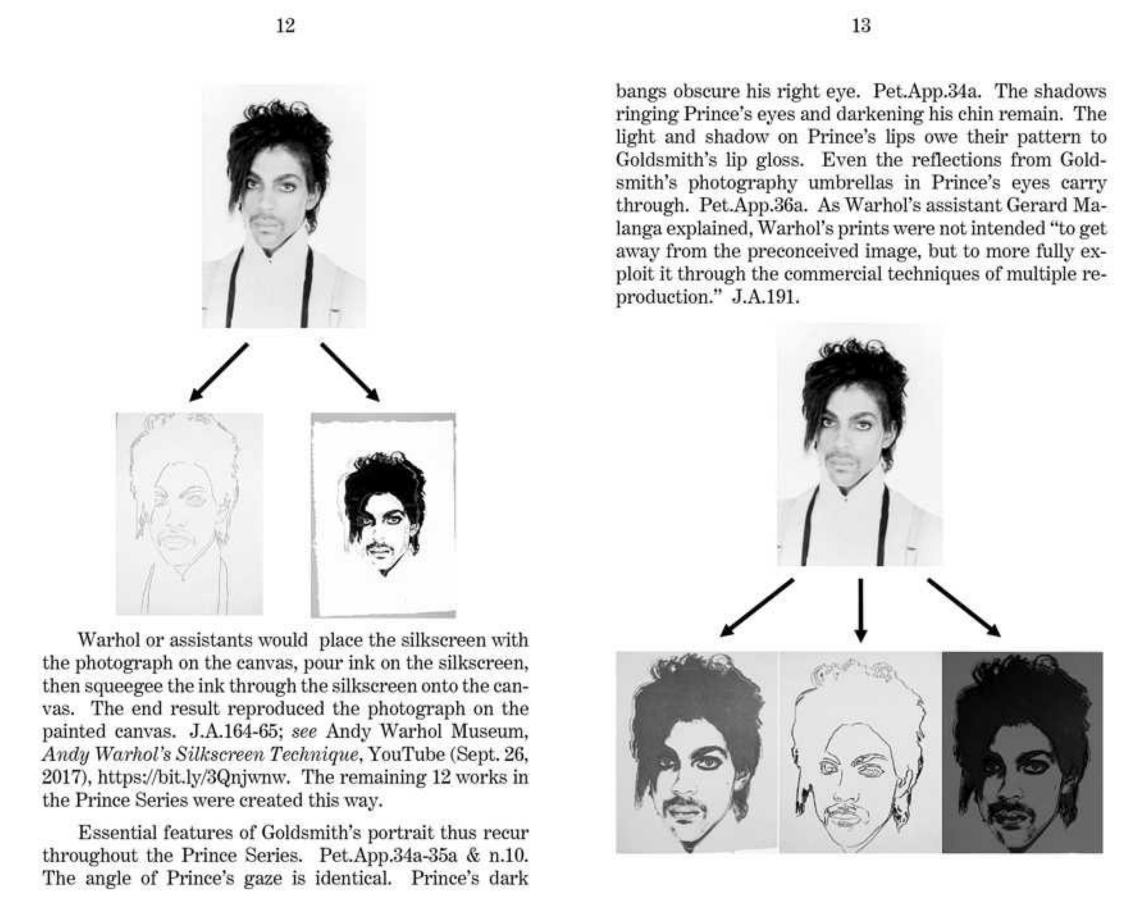
"In declining to acknowledge the importance of transformative copying, the Court today, and for the first time, turns its back on how creativity works," Kagan wrote, joined by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

The justices were considering whether the estate of Warhol, who died in 1987, violated copyright law by selling to Vanity Fair magazine an illustration based on a silk-screen portrait of Prince. The image was derived from Goldsmith's photo of the musician, but it was used without her permission, credit or payment.

A federal district judge in New York said Warhol's work created something new, a transformation within the "fair use" exception to the law. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit said Goldsmith could press her claim and warned that judges should stay in their lanes.

"The district judge should not assume the role of art critic and seek to ascertain the intent behind or meaning of the works at issue," the court said. "That is so both because judges are typically unsuited to make aesthetic judgments and because such perceptions are inherently subjective."

Goldsmith took the portrait of Prince in the early 1980s. Vanity Fair commissioned Warhol to create an illustration for a 1984 article on Prince and obtained a license from Goldsmith, paying her $400 so Warhol could use the photo as an artistic reference. He changed certain aspects of the photo and created for the magazine what is now called "Purple Fame." Warhol also created 16 silkscreens called the Prince Series, some of which are owned by private collectors and others of which hang in museums.


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Warhol or assistants would place the silkscreen with the photograph on the canvas, pour ink on the silkscreen, then squeegee the ink through the silkscreen onto the canvas. The end result reproduced the photograph on the painted canvas. J.A.164-65; *see* Andy Warhol Museum, *Andy Warhol's Silkscreen Technique*, YouTube (Sept. 26, 2017), https://bit.ly/3Qnjwnw. The remaining 12 works in the Prince Series were created this way.

Essential features of Goldsmith's portrait thus recur throughout the Prince Series. Pet.App.34a-35a & n.10. The angle of Prince's gaze is identical. Prince's dark

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bangs obscure his right eye. Pet.App.34a. The shadows ringing Prince's eyes and darkening his chin remain. The light and shadow on Prince's lips owe their pattern to Goldsmith's lip gloss. Even the reflections from Goldsmith's photography umbrellas in Prince's eyes carry through. Pet.App.36a. As Warhol's assistant Gerard Malanga explained, Warhol's prints were not intended "to get away from the preconceived image, but to more fully exploit it through the commercial techniques of multiple reproduction." J.A.191.

SUPREME COURT BRIEF FOR RESPONDENTS

Pages from a Supreme Court brief. The court ruled that Andy Warhol's foundation should have honored the copyright on a photo of Prince when it was repurposed by Vanity Fair magazine in 2016.

When Prince died in 2016, Vanity Fair's parent company, Condé Nast, paid more than $10,000 to the Warhol Foundation for another version, Orange Prince, to illustrate a commemorative magazine. When Goldsmith complained she had not been paid for her photo, the foundation sued her, and a legal battle began.

"I am thrilled by today's decision and thankful to the Supreme Court for hearing our side of the story," Goldsmith said in a statement. "This is a great day for photographers and other artists who make a living by licensing their art."

Joel Wachs, president of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, said the foundation "respectfully" disagrees with the court's ruling that "the 2016 licensing of Orange Prince was not protected by the fair use doctrine."

But he said he was glad the court clarified its decision is limited to the sale of the image to Condé Nast, and "does not question the legality of Andy Warhol's creation of the Prince Series in 1984."

At oral argument, the justices were engaged and at times playful in trying to decipher the legal issues at stake. But the result was disagreement between Sotomayor and Kagan, who are usually allies.

Both opinions featured caustic comebacks and color photographs of work by Goldsmith, other photographers and iconic works by Warhol, who Kagan wrote has "earned his conspicuous place in every college's Art History 101."

That wasn't the point, countered Sotomayor, although she added that Goldsmith was a "trailblazer" as well. "Goldsmith's work appeared in Life, Time, Rolling Stone, and People magazines, not to mention the National Portrait Gallery and the Museum of Modern Art," Sotomayor wrote. "She captured some of the 20th century's greatest rock stars: Bob Dylan, Mick Jagger, Patti Smith, Bruce Springsteen, and, as relevant here, Prince."

Sotomayor did not dispute that Warhol's work was transformative, but wrote that he also "paid to license photographs for some of his artistic renditions." Such licenses "are how photographers like Goldsmith make a living. They provide an economic incentive to create original works, which is the goal of copyright."

The case is *Andy Warhol Foundation v. Goldsmith*.

Bogus nurses, fake diplomas: Officials search for unqualified health workers

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN

In spring 2019, a curious piece of information landed at the FBI's Baltimore field office. An informant said that for about $17,000, a recruiter in nearby Laurel, Md., had offered to provide a diploma and a fake transcript from a Florida nursing school, along with tutoring for the nurse licensing exam — without the need to actually take courses or receive clinical training.

That tip has mushroomed into an ongoing search for bogus nurses that spans all 50 states, D.C., Canada and parts of the Caribbean. It has resulted in the indictments of 25 people on wire fraud charges and a continued investigation of additional schools that may be offering the same fraudulent arrangement. Ten people have reached plea agreements with prosecutors.

About 2,800 people who bought credentials without attending classes from three unaccredited schools passed the National Council Licensure Examination and presumably have used that shortcut to find work or better jobs in the health-care industry, said Fernando Porras, assistant special agent in charge of the Miami office of the inspector general for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Those names have been turned over to 56 state nursing boards — some states have more than one board — in an effort to find the people with fraudulent credentials, Porras said.

So far, there have been no reports of harm to a patient by an unqualified nurse, according to Porras and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

"There's a lot of safeguards in the program," Porras said, noting that registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and others can take jobs in a variety of health-care settings beyond hospitals.

"They get a probationary period," Porras said. "Once they see the nurse can't perform a simple medical task, they're kind of let go."

Still, Porras said, the presence of nurses who might not even know how to insert an intravenous line or calculate drug doses "affects everyone," including law enforcement agents conducting the investigation. "Every family member. Every agent has someone that could be in the hospital, receiving treatment."

The pandemic delayed the investigation after the original tip and plea bargain, but the probe intensified in 2021. The scheme, which has received extensive media attention across the United States, was concentrated in Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas. Dawn Kappel, a spokeswoman for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, said in an emailed statement that not every state had nurses who obtained fraudulent credentials. States that were involved are still working to identify unqualified nurses, she said.

In January, federal authorities announced the indictments of 25 recruiters and school officials in connection with the alleged distribution of more than 7,600 fake diplomas by Siena College in Broward County, Fla.; Palm Beach School of Nursing in Palm Beach County, Fla.; and Sacred Heart International Institute in Broward County.

The schools, which are now closed, were once legitimate nursing schools but lost accreditation because their students had very low rates of passing the licensure exam before the schools turned to selling diplomas, Porras said.

The investigation was dubbed "Operation Nightingale," after Florence Nightingale, the British nurse credited as the founder of modern nursing.

Defendants face as many as 20 years in prison. The nurses who purchased diplomas so far have not been targeted for criminal charges, Porras said, as authorities focus on prosecuting those who ran the scheme and finding unqualified nurses. Future disciplinary action for students is possible, however, he said.

The indictments allege that from 2016 to 2021, a network of recruiters in Florida, New Jersey, New York and Texas funneled recruits to the three Florida schools, which — for payments of as much as $17,000 — provided fake diplomas and transcripts that allowed people to sit for the nurse licensing exam, according to court documents and Porras. The recruiters also tutored the students to help them pass the national exam. About 37 percent succeeded, Porras said.

Each recruitment network generally sent students to a particular school, according to the court documents. In the Siena College network, one of the recruiters, Stanton Witherspoon of Burlington County, N.J., was also half-owner of the school. The alleged participants face wire fraud charges for their parts in the scheme.

Witherspoon's attorney did not respond to an email seeking comment.

J. Samantha Vacciana, attorney for Gail Russ, who is listed in the indictment as the registrar of the Palm Beach School of Nursing, said Russ is innocent and looking forward to her day in court.

Tama Kudman, attorney for Charles Etienne, who is listed in the indictment as president of Sacred Heart, declined to comment.

Etienne is one of 10 people who have reached plea agreements with prosecutors, including two who cooperated with the investigation after taking plea deals in 2019, according to the Miami Herald. Five people entered their guilty pleas in federal court in Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday.

They worked for the Palm Beach School of Nursing or outfits that provided licensing preparation services for students from the bogus nursing schools.

Porras said the investigation is continuing into whether additional schools participated in similar schemes.





Feinstein's shingles caused swelling of brain, office says

Senator's health complications were more severe than disclosed

BY LIZ GOODWIN AND CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON



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Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) returns to Washington this month after a case of shingles hospitalized the six-term senator in February.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, 89, returned to Washington last week after having suffered more severe health complications from her shingles diagnosis than were previously disclosed.

Feinstein's shingles triggered encephalitis, which is inflammation of the brain, as well as Ramsay Hunt syndrome, which causes facial paralysis, according to Feinstein spokesman Adam Russell, who added that the senator has since recovered from the encephalitis complication. The additional health issues, stemming from the case of shingles that hospitalized the six-term senator in February, were first reported by the New York Times.

Feinstein (D-Calif.) returned to the Senate last week after facing pressure to resign from a few members of Congress and California progressive groups, who complained her months-long absence was slowing judicial confirmations and imperiling the Democratic agenda.

Feinstein returned in a wheelchair and was greeted outside the Capitol by Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), who later said that he planned "to move forward on many more judges" with her vote in the coming weeks.

Although her return has resolved Democrats' math problem on close votes, her condition has raised concerns that she might not be up for the demands of the job.

The pathbreaking senator has withstood multiple rounds of calls for her resignation even before her recent illness, as unflattering anecdotes emerged about her memory lapses and her perceived cognitive decline, as well as her visible reliance on aides in public-facing aspects of her job.

This week, that picture worsened, as she faced questions from reporters from her wheelchair as she appeared to be struggling with her vision and memory. She sounded confused in responding to one group of reporters about her weeks-long absence, saying "I've been here" and insisting that she hadn't been gone from the Capitol, according to the Los Angeles Times. And on Thursday, Feinstein denied she had been diagnosed with encephalitis, characterizing it as a "really bad flu," in a brief hallway interview with CNN.

Her office later clarified that Feinstein "misspoke" in the interview because her doctors had not used the term encephalitis with her during her treatment.

"When discussing the shingles complications with her doctors, they often spoke in broader terms when describing the complications, rather than always using medical terminology," Russell said in a statement.

Her aides said last week she would be working a "lighter" schedule as she continued to suffer some complications from the shingles, including vision and balance trouble, and she has missed a few votes since her return.

Feinstein is not running for reelection but has said she plans to serve out the remainder of her term. Her allies and former aides say Feinstein never wavered in her desire to return to Washington and in her disinterest in resigning in recent weeks.

If she does step down, Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) has said he would appoint a Black woman to her spot, which could scramble the California Senate race to replace her, dominated by Democratic Reps. Adam B. Schiff, Barbara Lee and Katie Porter. Lee, a Black woman, would have an advantage in the primary if Newsom were to tap her as Feinstein's replacement — a fact that has led to public sparring between allies of different candidates over Feinstein's fate.

"It's a sad situation," said Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.), who supports Lee and has previously called on Feinstein to resign. "I wish people just would put politics aside and talk to her about stepping down. That is the morally right thing to do and the right thing for our nation." (Khanna added that he wanted Feinstein's friends and family to convince her to step down.)

But Feinstein's allies have pushed back on calls for her to resign, with Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who backs Schiff in the primary, suggesting those calls are sexist.

Pelosi's eldest daughter, Nancy Corinne Prowda, has also been accompanying Feinstein throughout her illness in San Francisco and now back at the Capitol, and has been friends with the senator for decades, according to Feinstein's office. Prowda's position at Feinstein's side has led some to suggest Pelosi is supportive of Feinstein remaining in her role to boost her preferred candidate, Schiff. It's an accusation Pelosi firmly denied Thursday.

"Speaker Emerita Pelosi and Senator Feinstein have been friends since long before their service in Congress — and their friendship is personal, not political," Pelosi's spokesman Aaron Bennett said in a statement. "Anyone who knows Senator Feinstein knows that her service in the Senate is entirely her own decision, and Speaker Emerita Pelosi would never suggest otherwise."

Republicans blocked a proposal to allow Feinstein to be temporarily replaced on the Judiciary Committee during her months-long absence, putting more pressure on Feinstein to return while a few judges languished in the committee.

Democrats celebrated Feinstein's return last week, given her vote is often crucial to push through the priorities of their narrow majority in the Senate. Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.), chair of the Judiciary Committee who has complained that her absence hamstrung his committee at a crucial time, expressed his "relief" on May 12 that she was back. Her return also takes pressure off Schumer, who now can count on Feinstein's vote when needed for close confirmations — even if her health troubles appear to be lingering.

"I'm back in Washington, voting and attending committee meetings while I recover from complications related to a shingles diagnosis," the senator said in a statement. "I continue to work and get results for California."

Feinstein has been a towering figure in California for more than five decades, entering politics in 1969 when she was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and later becoming the first female mayor of San Francisco. Since winning her Senate seat in a special election in 1992, Feinstein has been reelected five times, tangling with the intelligence community in her determination to release information about the government's clandestine use of torture and playing a key role in the passage of the now-expired assault weapons ban.

She's resisted calls to step aside from some Democrats before, including when she ran for reelection at 85 years old in 2018. But she has also slowly relinquished some of her Senate roles since then. She stepped down as the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee when she was on track to become the first woman to chair the powerful panel. And last year, Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) became president pro tempore of the Senate, a position third in line to the presidency given to the most senior senator of the party in power, after Feinstein declined to take the title.

When she announced earlier this year that she would retire at the end of her term, Senate colleagues regaled her legacy with high praise, calling her "a legend," "a titan," and, in the words of President Biden, her former Senate colleague, "one of the very best."

Shingles is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, which causes chickenpox in childhood but can hide out in people's nerve cells and reactivate years later. Feinstein has received the shingles vaccine, her office said previously.

A Danish study found that encephalitis related to the varicella-zoster virus occurred mainly in elderly and immunocompromised people, and risk factors for a poor outcome included advanced age.

"A full spectrum of recovery is possible, ranging from complete recovery to lingering symptoms. These almost always improve with time," said Anne Louise Oaklander, a neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, who said it was impossible to know a patient's case without examining them firsthand. She said in general, young and healthy people tend to be the most resilient.

Felicia Chow, a neuro-infectious disease specialist at the University of California at San Francisco, said that diagnosing encephalitis in shingles is tricky and that to truly understand Feinstein's case, more information is needed on the severity of encephalitis and how quickly treatment was started. Identifying the encephalitis early usually leads to better outcomes.

She also said that a range of outcomes were possible for patients, but that age and preexisting cognitive issues could put a person at higher risk of lingering neurological impairment. "Just given her age alone, the outcomes and potential neurological issues after an infection like that are a lot higher risk for ongoing neurological impairment," Chow said.

FBI agents who testified on alleged abuses had security clearances revoked

Letter cites violations of guidelines; two claim whistleblower retaliation

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY



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From left, former FBI agents Garret O'Boyle, Stephen Friend and Marcus Allen, and Tristan Leavitt, the head of Empower Oversight.

Two FBI agents who appeared before a House subcommittee Thursday had their security clearances revoked this month over security concerns, according to a letter sent by the FBI to the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday and obtained by The Washington Post.

The letter, signed by FBI acting assistant director Christopher Dunham and addressed to Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), the chairman of the committee, came in response to a subpoena from the Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government that sought information regarding the security clearance adjudications of former FBI agent Stephen Friend and Marcus Allen, an FBI agent who is suspended without pay.

Friend and Allen were billed by the committee as whistleblowers and testified Thursday about alleged abuses by the bureau. The agents claimed they were retaliated against for their actions, in part, related to the FBI's investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

But Dunham's letter to Jordan does not address that allegation. Instead, it alleges multiple violations of FBI rules and guidelines as the bureau's reasoning for revoking the agents' security clearances. Democrats on the subcommittee argued during the hearing that the agents did not fit the definition of whistleblower and argued their actions have been politically motivated.

The memo laying out the security clearance investigations was provided to Jordan after the GOP-led subcommittee declined the FBI's offer to provide Jennifer Moore, the agency's executive assistant director of human resources, for a second interview to answer questions about the security clearances. Friend and Allen have 30 days to appeal the decision to repeal the revocations.

In the letter, Dunham writes that Friend's top-secret clearance was revoked Tuesday after a referral from the FBI's Jacksonville, Fla., field office had prompted the bureau's security division to open an investigation in September 2022. Friend's security clearance was suspended on Sept. 16, 2022.

The investigation concluded that Friend presented a number of security concerns related to his personal conduct, handling of protected information and "use of information technology," according to the letter.

In a letter to Friend detailing the reasons for the clearance revocation, Moore wrote: "The security concerns stem from your refusal to execute a court-ordered, arrest warrant, unauthorized download of sensitive FBI information, failure to participate in a Security Awareness Briefing, unauthorized dissemination of sensitive FBI information, unauthorized recording of executive management, unsanctioned interviews with the media, and lack of candor during an interview with the Security Division." That letter also was also shared with Jordan and obtained by The Post.

Dunham's letter included additional details about Friend's clearance revocation, saying he espoused alternative theories about the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Friend entered "FBI space and downloaded documents from FBI computer systems to an unauthorized removable flash drive," Dunham wrote. "The FBI then required Mr. Friend to attend a Security Awareness Briefing (SAB) regarding his actions, but he refused to do so."

Allen's top-secret security clearance was suspended on Jan. 19, 2022, and ultimately revoked on May 3 after a referral from the FBI's Charlotte field office that prompted the security division to open an investigation. Allen's clearance was revoked due to security concerns regarding his personal conduct and his "allegiance to the United States," according to Dunham's letter to Jordan.

Dunham wrote that Allen "failed to provide relevant information to an FBI Special Agent (SA) regarding subjects who were allegedly involved in criminal activity at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021." Specifically, when Allen was asked to conduct "open source searches on a Jan. 6 subject," he reported that "he did not find any information that the subject engaged in criminal activity nor did he find a nexus to terrorism."

That case was then closed based on Allen's response but was reopened and a "different FBI employee provided publicly available information about the subject — information that was readily available to and should have been obtained by Mr. Allen when he conducted his search," according to the letter.

"Investigative activity established that this subject physically assaulted U.S. Capitol Police officers on January 6, 2021," Dunham wrote, adding that Allen expressed "sympathy for persons or organizations that advocate, threaten or use force of violence . . . in an effort to prevent federal government personnel from performing their official duties," which had affected his work.

The hearing comes several days after the release of special counsel John Durham's report on the FBI's investigation into possible links between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia. Durham's report criticized the FBI as having conducted the investigation based on "raw, unanalyzed, and uncorroborated intelligence."

"This is a last minute Hail Mary from the FBI in a desperate attempt to salvage their reputation after John Durham illuminated their election interference and before brave whistleblowers testify about the agency's politicized behavior and retaliation against anyone who dares speak out," said Russell Dye, a spokesperson for Jordan.

The hearing hosted by the marquee subcommittee, armed with sprawling power to investigate some of Republicans' biggest targets in the federal government, also featured testimony from Tristan Leavitt, the president of Empower Oversight, and Garret O'Boyle, a suspended FBI special agent from the Wichita Resident Agency in Kansas.

Ahead of the hearing, the GOP-led subcommittee released an 80-page interim report that led with a call for Justice Department and FBI employees to come forward to Congress to assist in "identifying, understanding, and remedying waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement."

The report, which was largely based on the disclosures of the agents, detailed the measures the FBI implemented in the wake of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol that the agents claimed were examples of government overreach.

The report also argued that cash bonuses distributed to local field offices for meeting certain performance goals created "perverse incentives for the FBI to utilize law-enforcement tools and resources where they may not be needed or appropriate in order for FBI leadership to benefit financially."

During the hearing, the agents — some of whom described great personal sacrifice to pursue jobs in the bureau — argued that the FBI sought to purge the bureau of critical thinkers who challenged conventional wisdom. Democrats on the committee repeatedly challenged the agents' claims and complained that they did not have full access to witnesses' testimony.

"I don't walk away convinced of anything other than we are listening to sad tales of certain individuals about their situation and the numeration of grievances does not constitute whistleblower statuses," said Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.). "I'm not sure why we had this hearing."

Rep. Dan Goldman (D-N.Y.) added that it is ultimately up to the courts, after it is adjudicated within the FBI, to make the determination of whether the agents were wrongly dismissed as whistleblowers.

Republicans sought to paint the agents as patriots who were being punished for their political beliefs and argued that Democrats were being hypocritical in their criticisms of the agents and the GOP's efforts to conduct oversight of the FBI.

"Those who profess to be most concerned about the victimization of people by law enforcement in this country, join in the victimization of you," said Rep. Dan Bishop (R-N.C.). "I think that's the takeaway, at least for me from this hearing."

Also included in Dunham's letter was information on the revocation of agent Brett Gloss's top-secret security clearance, which occurred after the FBI's Washington field office made a referral for an investigation that was opened in August 2021. The investigation found that Gloss "knowingly entered a restricted zone around the U.S. Capitol" on Jan. 6 and expressed support for the rioters.

Gloss "was present in an area close to protestors clashing with Capitol Police," Dunham added. "The FBI reviewed communications in which Mr. Gloss expressed support for the protestors' unauthorized entry into the Capitol building and support for their criminal acts against the U.S."

Devlin Barrett contributed to this report.

Texas nears transgender care ban for minors

Some families consider fleeing the state amid looming crackdown

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

HOUSTON — Lisa Stanton is preparing her 12-year-old transgender daughter Maya and their family for fleeing the state due to a ban on gender-affirming treatment that was newly approved by Texas lawmakers this week and is expected to go into effect in September.

"We have a safe folder. We have folders ready to go with all our documents and passports, and we have cash on hand. We have an escape route if we need it," Stanton said. "The alternative is we pick up and move and we are officially political refugees. Or we stay and fight for our home. We shouldn't have to leave. This is wrong."

But like Stanton and her family, many other families said they are considering moving or seeking care out of state after the Texas legislature's vote on Wednesday to approve a bill banning hormone and puberty blocking treatments as well as surgeries for transgender minors. The bill would force the Texas Medical Board to revoke physician licenses for those who violate the ban, and would prohibit taxpayer funds from being used for transgender health care or from going to any person or entity that "provides or facilitates" the treatment.


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Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan (R) takes a vote for Senate Bill 14 in the state House on May 12. The bill bans hormone and puberty-blocking treatments and surgeries for transgender minors.

With the signature of Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, Texas will become the largest state to ban such medical care for minors. Abbott left no question about his intentions during a Thursday appearance on Fox News.

"I'll be signing it," he said.

To parents of transgender children, however, the move was yet another in a host of actions targeting their health care, which have come in the form of executive orders and bills dating back several years.

Last year, Abbott ordered state child abuse investigations into transgender youth receiving gender-affirming care. The order — the first of its kind, according to transgender advocates — put medical providers and families of transgender children at risk of criminal penalties for providing treatment endorsed by the nation's largest medical groups, including the American Medical Association.

Abbott's letter to state agencies came the same week Attorney General Ken Paxton, also a Republican, released a nonbinding legal opinion that labeled certain gender-confirming treatments as "child abuse."

When impacted families sued Abbott, the Texas Supreme Court initially allowed the state to continue investigating them for child abuse while also ruling in favor of one family who challenged the order. Another Texas judge later issued a restraining order blocking investigations of families who sued and those in the LGBTQ advocacy group PFLAG, which claims more than 600 members statewide.

On Thursday, Abbott called gender-affirming treatments "outrageous."

"In Texas, we believe that cutting off a child's sex organs is child abuse and it's going to be treated that way by law," he said. Transgender advocates noted such surgeries are not generally performed on children. Nationally recognized medical guidelines recommend patients be at least 15 years old to undergo surgery, and then only in special circumstances.

Efforts to clamp down on transgender health care have dominated in Republican-held state legislatures in recent months; at least 14 other states have enacted restrictions on medical treatments for transgender children. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) signed a bill this week that bans hormone treatments and gender-transition care for minors, and would penalize doctors who violate the law with up to five years in prison.

But no state affected so far is home to as many transgender children as Texas, with nearly 30,000 people ages 13 to 17 identifying as transgender, or about 1 percent of Texans in that age group, according to estimates from the Williams Institute, a research center that reports on LGBTQ community demographics.

The new Texas bill — which would take effect Sept. 1 — prohibits its doctors from prescribing drugs to induce infertility and from performing certain surgeries, including mastectomies. It includes a limited exemption for transgender children receiving medical treatment before the bill's passage, though it also required those patients to "wean" themselves off medications.

Karen Loewy, senior counsel for Lambda Legal, represents families in two lawsuits against Abbott seeking to block the state from investigating parents of transgender children for child abuse. She said the new law would not affect those cases.

"Were the state to start investigating those who were getting medically necessary treatment for their children, were they to investigate them for child abuse, we will raise it with the courts that have issued the injunctions," Loewy said.

Lambda Legal, the American Civil Liberties Union and several other groups announced Thursday that they plan to sue to block the new Texas law.

Supporters of the Texas legislation have condemned the treatments as "mutilation."

State Rep. Shawn Thierry, a Democrat, broke with her party to vote for the measure, likening it to age limits on tanning booths, tattoos and cigarettes.

"These policies and regulations are in place because we recognize that children should be protected from actions and activities which are harmful, health risks or have lifelong consequences," she said. "This same logic must also apply when approaching the very complex issue of treating gender dysphoria in children."

The bill was a priority for Jonathan Saenz, president of the conservative Austin-based nonprofit Texas Values, whose colleagues testified in favor.

"More and more states are going to pass it and the courts are going to allow the states to have their role," Saenz predicted in an interview. "There's a lot of questions and concerns now — legitimate concerns — about these medications and procedures."

Saenz said he was confident that lawsuits against the new measure would be unsuccessful.

"We feel very strong about it and so does our attorney general," he said. Paxton's office did not respond to requests for comment.

Families of transgender children described incidents that they said had curbed treatment opportunities even before the legislature's vote Wednesday.

Paxton earlier announced an investigation into "potentially illegal" activity at an Austin clinic, Dell Children's Medical Center, in what appeared to be a response to a video report from the conservative Project Veritas, a far-right activist group that engages in hidden camera-style investigations. The video allegedly shows a Dell Children's social worker saying the hospital provides certain gender-affirming treatment for patients "as young as 8, 9" and sometimes after only one consultation.

In response to the video, Dell Children's released a statement on April 28 that said it does not provide hormone therapy or gender-affirming surgery to children, and the hospital system was looking into the allegations.

After that report, Christopher Rufo, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute, posted records that he said showed doctors at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston providing gender-affirming care. Hospital spokeswoman Kelley Carville said its staff "have always and always will" treat patients "within the bounds of the law." Paxton's office did not comment when asked whether it was investigating the hospital.

Adult transgender patients said they, too, have been affected by cutbacks in care. Andrea Seger said neither she nor her 19-year-old transgender son were notified by Dell Children's that they had stopped treatments. They learned it Thursday from their attorney.

"What happens to these kids who have been taking hormones if they don't have refills?" she asked.

Ian Pittman, an Austin attorney representing families of transgender children, said that his clients were seeking other options.

"Many of my clients are finding care out of state now because they're concerned," he said, citing efforts in California, Colorado, Minnesota and Oregon. But, he said, "There's huge wait times."

Kay, an Austin mother who asked to be identified by her middle name due to concerns about privacy for her 9-year-old transgender daughter, said the legislative action was not unexpected, but added another layer of difficulty for families.

"The bill passing we knew was going to happen and we all had been preparing," she said. "Paxton's investigation [of Dell Children's] was what really ripped the rug out from under us."

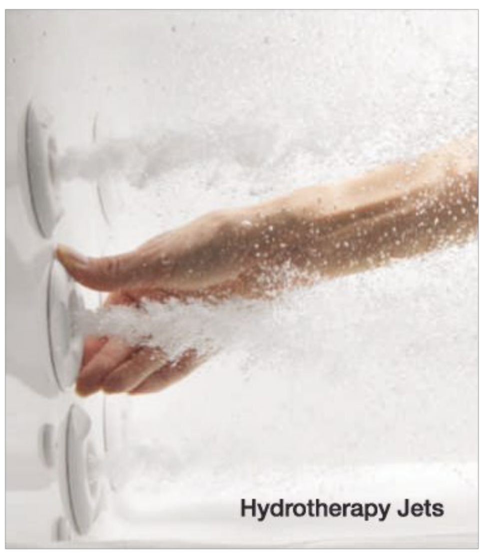
"Now we're dealing with people running out of medications and people who were supposed to have surgeries done. Patients have been abandoned, and they haven't even been notified. It's mass chaos. I've had to personally notify families."

Kay said she can't move because of a custody agreement, and many others can't afford to leave their jobs or relocate. Seeking out-of-state treatment has been complicated by a dearth of clinics, or clinics with 18-month waiting lists. And it wasn't clear, she said, if clinics elsewhere would accept out-of-state insurance.

"We are going to go out of state to a clinic and pray nothing else happens here that calls that child abuse," she said. "I'm afraid of what's coming next."

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"We've got to handle this right now," he recalled thinking.

Within four hours, Nichols was summoned to a meeting in the chief's office, where senior officers and police union leaders already had assembled. Scarlette said he had prayed about how to respond and felt certain about his decision when an unrepentant Nichols showed up with "a proud look on his face that made my blood boil." Officials in the room said Nichols did not deny writing the posts.

Scarlette placed Nichols on unpaid administrative leave, effective immediately, and told him that internal affairs was launching an investigation. As a symbolic way to "strip him of his police powers," the chief said, he ordered Nichols to peel off his department-issued gear.

"Remove his badge. Remove his gun belt. Remove his vest. His shirt. All that stuff," Scarlette said, recounting the moment in a recent interview at his office. "He walked out of here in his pants and his undershirt."

Scarlette's no-nonsense response drew attention among analysts tracking the spread of far-right ideologies. Law enforcement leaders seldom act decisively when extremists are uncovered in their ranks, hate monitors say, with cases typically stagnating because of pushback from police unions, fear of expensive First Amendment challenges, or resistance to being seen as caving to anti-police activism.

It is difficult to measure the creep of far-right beliefs among the more than 650,000 police and sheriff's patrol officers the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics counts nationwide, but the issue is of growing concern, with dozens of prominent examples in recent years, including current and former law enforcement officers charged with taking part in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Others have been linked to far-right militia groups and white-supremacist factions, or have been identified as contributing racist posts on police message boards. An Oklahoma sheriff made national headlines in recent weeks after he was reportedly recorded in a conversation with local officials who were talking about killing journalists and lynching Black people.

The Biden administration raised the issue in a domestic terrorism strategy document issued in 2021 that pledged improved screening for U.S. military recruits and federal agents. All Americans, the document states, deserve "law enforcement that approach their critical tasks without any racial bias or any other biases."

The problem is that there are no agreed-upon standards in law enforcement about what constitutes extremism, much less a manual on how to fight it. There is wide variation in related policies, where they exist at all, on the permissibility of membership in far-right groups such as the Proud Boys or Oath Keepers, the content of social media posts, or even certain tattoos. And when departments do remove extremist officers, there is often little transparency about closed-door personnel decisions.

Against this patchwork, Scarlette's unequivocal and public response stood out.

The chief ordered a review of every available record of Nichols's conduct on the job to check for bias in his police work, a mammoth task involving 132 hours of body-camera footage, 12 years of reports, a decade of traffic stops and more than 2,000 chat messages. He added extra screening questions to the hiring protocol. The entire police department underwent specialized training on extremism.

Scarlette met regularly with civil rights and faith leaders who were closely following the response.

A statement from Black Lives Matter Springfield, co-signed by several other civil rights groups, said that "we appreciate the swift action and statement issued by Chief Ken Scarlette," even as they called for a sweeping review of police conduct.

In the year that followed, however, praise for "the Springfield model" has been tempered by the deeply rooted distrust Scarlette hears from a community that has long experienced racial injustices in policing. He also has run into structural barriers that make it hard to deliver on those early promises of accountability.

Some nights, the chief said, the tensions press against his chest and make it hard to sleep. He's a solutions guy, a compulsive list-maker faced with a task that may never be checked off as "done." Can a police force poisoned by hate ever fully recover?

"It's important that I hear that this wound has healed," Scarlette said. "But there's still a scar there."



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Neo-Nazi case raises deeper questions for police

ABOVE: A view of downtown Springfield. The NAACP, which traces its origins to an outbreak of White mob violence in the city in 1908, helped navigate the community through the Nichols case. RIGHT: Chief Scarlette meets in February with Gail Simpson, a former alderwoman, and other members of a civic group seeking an update on police responses to the Nichols revelations.



The fallout

Scarlette, who was born and reared in Springfield, is tall, with a military-style haircut, metal-rimmed glasses and a Boy Scout's earnestness. He married his high school sweetheart, Tracy, whom he met in Bible study, and they have two daughters. Every Sunday, the family goes to the church Scarlette grew up attending.

As a boy, Scarlette said, he loved watching his father come home from work each day in an Illinois State Police uniform, his squad car parked out front. Scarlette never wanted to be anything but a police officer and dropped out of college to accept a spot on the Springfield force at age 21.

"I'm a White guy that grew up with a dad as a cop," he said. "I'm not scared to see a police officer or talk to a police officer, but others have had completely different experiences."

Days after the news about Nichols broke, Scarlette faced a small crowd of Springfield residents who showed up at a community forum to grill him about the white supremacist who had policed their streets since 2004.

"I got officers who wear the same uniform that I wear, and they hate me because of the color of my skin," said a Black policeman from the parks department.

"Can you give us any insight into how the police department failed for so long to see this?" asked a leader of the Jewish Federation of Springfield.

"Eighteen years. Eighteen years," said a Black activist in a baseball cap. "Nobody knew?"

Scarlette, in his chief's uniform, sat stiffly before the audience. He was flanked by other Illinois officials roped in by Teresa Haley, the president of the city and state NAACP chapters. The national civil rights organization traces its origins to Springfield, where White mob violence in 1908 "was the final tipping point that led to the creation of the NAACP," according to the group's website.

More than a century later, the organization that emerged from Springfield's deadly riots was navigating the city through another outburst of racist hate. The event, organized with the Jewish Federation, was billed as a "unity forum" to promote healing after the unmasking of Nichols. The audience made sure that older, deeper wounds also were on the agenda.

Residents brought up race-related incidents at the Springfield Police Department going back to 2017. Two officers had gotten in trouble for using the n-word; one had been fired by Springfield but then was hired by a neighboring department. Another officer was disciplined for a Facebook post in which he used disparaging expletives against Black city council members. A Black female officer reported finding "the head of a black Barbie doll with her hair cut off" as she was leaving work one day. Police officials confirmed the incidents.

"We've got to focus on the trauma this does to the community," said Willie "Shawn" Gregory, an alderman representing a majority-Black ward in Springfield.

For years, local advocacy groups have accused the city of denying their requests for greater transparency, such as blocking the release of internal affairs files for officers with racism or discrimination complaints against them. City officials passed the blame on to the police union for opposing more visible and stringent consequences they say would have signaled that Springfield was serious about enforcing police accountability.

The previous chief of police, Kenny Winslow, said he was hired in 2014 as a "change agent" but soon met ingrained attitudes that showed him "you're not going to change a culture overnight." Again and again, Winslow clashed with the union over how to discipline officers accused of misconduct. Union officials agreed that they opposed penalties they saw as too harsh but added that their opposition to Winslow went beyond those disputes.

Relations between Winslow and the union continued to worsen, ultimately resulting in a no-confidence vote by union members. Winslow stepped down in early 2022 and was succeeded by Scarlette. He now serves as executive director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, a post that gives him a statewide view of the ad hoc ways departments are dealing with far-right extremism.

The 13,000-person Chicago Police Department, for example, is embroiled in a scandal over its continued employment of personnel with ties to extremist groups, the most notable being an officer the FBI had investigated for his alleged association with the Proud Boys. Elsewhere in the state, at least two sheriffs and other public officials have come under scrutiny for alleged links to anti-government movements.

Winslow and others monitoring the fallout from the Nichols case said they hope the response sets a standard. Heidi Beirich, a longtime extremism analyst who consulted with Springfield leaders, said Scarlette's "transparency and honesty will be a help to many others in law enforcement." Last fall, the chief was invited to speak at a national summit of extremism researchers in Pittsburgh. Even the Anonymous Comrades Collective, the anti-fascist group that exposed Nichols, commended Springfield as an "outlier" for confronting the issue head-on.

Still, they all acknowledge that Nichols's online comments were so extreme that Scarlette was able to act forcefully without riling union officials, who had quickly decided the officer's actions were indefensible and said they agreed with his ouster. When an officer's alleged extremism lands in a grayer area, the fights escalate, sometimes all the way to court.

Winslow said many police departments lack the money for legal battles if they are sued by officers who were removed for hate speech. He said officials also are fearful of community backlash or of a scandal that would drive away job candidates at a time when police departments across the nation face a recruiting crisis.

Winslow listens with empathy, he said, but the advice he gives chiefs is to be brave and "do the right thing," no matter the risks. "You got to decide: What are you going to stand for?"

The investigation

The Officer Nichols who showed up for his shifts every day was a quiet loner with a burly frame and graying hair that made him look older than his 46 years. He was a reliable patrol officer but no standout, several former colleagues said, recalling him as more likely to be guarding the perimeter than charging into a volatile situation.

On occasion, Nichols, a married father of three, showed flashes of right-wing politics but nothing out of the ordinary for his conservative police milieu, officers said.

"It was more like conspiracy-theory-type stuff. That was the vibe I got," said Tami Russell, the president of the Springfield police union and a longtime officer who had worked alongside Nichols.

Off duty, however, there was another version of Nichols. This one thrived online as a racist troll whose usernames referred to Nazi ideology. He defended Adolf Hitler in several posts and once wrote: "If I found a genie and I had one wish? The jews would be a distant memory within 72 hours."

That alter ego was equally vicious toward Black people, likening them to animals and frequently dropping the n-word. He spewed hatred for LGBTQ people, fat women, homeless people. At times, the anonymous poster acknowledged his job as a policeman and suggested that he was working from within to collapse the system: "The best place I can possibly be is inside the beast."

Because Nichols hid his name and location, activists had only the tiniest of clues to work with as they pieced together his identity: a defunct Twitter handle, the mention of a stream in his yard, a photo of a $700 wristwatch.

"As soon as we read it, we were just like, 'Man, we should hire these people as investigators,' because — holy damn — they solved this stuff quick. I mean, it was impressive," said Russell, the union president.

When he was confronted, his supervisors said, Nichols confirmed that he had previously used the screen names and did not dispute that he had written the posts.

Nichols has not commented publicly. Old phone numbers and email addresses for him are no longer active; no one answered calls or responded to messages on a working number belonging to Nichols's wife. Police and union

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Officers talk with a citizen outside the Springfield building that houses the police department. An internal investigation found that Nichols acted on his own in posting neo-Nazi messages, with no others on the force implicated, and that no cases had been tainted.

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officials said they had heard Nichols was working odd jobs around town but had no details of his whereabouts or employment.

With Nichols identified, the mission became reconciling the personas to answer two crucial questions: Did Nichols's racial hatred spill into his daily work as a police officer? And were any other officers aware or involved?

That task fell to Lt. Joe Phillips of internal affairs and another lieutenant, Bob Markovic, who has since retired. The two men split up 132 hours of body-camera videos and watched every moment of Nichols's mundane duties, searching for instances when the mask might have slipped.

"It wasn't like an episode of 'Cops,' I'll tell you that," Phillips said.

The work was slow and tedious, but he said there was an understanding throughout the department of the stakes.

"This might be one of the more important things we do this year, maybe in our whole careers — to make sure there wasn't a miscarriage of justice," Phillips said.

Yet, after poring over body-camera video, analyzing traffic stops and scanning messages, Phillips and his partner found no indication that Nichols had displayed evidence of his abhorrent beliefs or bias while on duty. His interactions with people of all backgrounds appeared calm and courteous. Apart from some far-right newsletters in his work inbox, Nichols the police officer and Nichols the neo-Nazi lived in separate worlds.

"He put on a good face," Phillips said, shaking his head. "It was amazing that he could look somebody in the eye and talk to them like that and then be writing this stuff about them when he gets home."

Scarlette said he was relieved that the investigation had found that Nichols acted on his own, with no other officers implicated. The posts had violated the department's code of conduct but had not tainted any cases and did not constitute criminal activity, according to the final report on the inquiry released in November.

Instead of being reassured, however, many Black and Brown people in Springfield were incredulous. At the NAACP forum and in local Facebook groups, residents asked variations of "Seriously? Nobody knew?" Local Black Lives Matter leaders challenged the methodology of the inquiry and criticized the department for running it in-house rather than enlisting a neutral party. Activists were incensed that Nichols was allowed to keep his taxpayer-funded pension.

Internally, the fallout was just as devastating, Scarlette said. The questions he got from Springfield's 30 or so Black officers — about 11 percent of the force — revealed a shattered trust: "Are there others that we need to be aware of? Do I have the support of my fellow officers when I'm going out on calls?"

But the options to impose harsher consequences were limited. Nichols could not be charged with a crime: Hate speech is constitutionally protected, and he had not violated any laws. And he was still legally allowed to own guns, a chilling thought for activists who feared that Nichols might be particularly combustible now that he had been exposed.

"To a person, the conversations that I have had ended with sort of a mutual frustration with the situation but also understanding that I don't just get to file charges because someone has expressed views that were reprehensible," said Dan Wright, the state's attorney for Sangamon County, which includes Springfield.

That summer and fall, Scarlette focused on reconciliation with the community, showing up at barbecues and bake sales as he worked to rebuild trust. By winter, he said, the uproar over Nichols had receded and he was looking forward to getting back to other priorities, such as salaries and recruiting.

Then, a week before Christmas, Springfield was plunged into another racial crisis.

Two paramedics were charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Earl Moore Jr., a Black man in medical distress who asphyxiated after being strapped facedown on a stretcher.

Moore's family filed a wrongful-death suit against the paramedics and their employer, the ambulance service Lifestar, with the help of the high-profile civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who has represented the families of Trayvon Martin, George Floyd and Breonna Taylor in landmark cases.

The same community leaders with whom Scarlette had consulted about Nichols were soon back in his office to watch body-camera footage of officers on the scene with the paramedics. The video showed that police had tried to intervene on Moore's behalf.

Nevertheless, in the eyes of Springfield's public, the incident had begun with a 911 call and ended with the death of a restrained, unarmed Black man. Scarlette knew that the road back from Nichols had just grown longer. Maybe it would be endless.

Feeling defeated, he turned to God, he said.

"Give me the patience, give me the understanding, give me the knowledge," Scarlette prayed. "Let me be the leader you want me to be."

The aftermath

One afternoon in February, Scarlette strode in from the brisk air for a meeting with a civic group that had requested an update on police responses to the Nichols revelations.

"It's warm in here," Scarlette said as he entered the toasty conference room. "Somebody turned the heat on."

"No, you're just in the hot seat," deadpanned Gail Simpson, a Black community activist and former alderwoman.

Scarlette laughed along with everyone else. By now, he rolls with the barbs and nods along to criticism. In tandem with the city's reckoning, Scarlette said, he has undergone his own introspection, challenging himself to better understand negative perceptions of law enforcement.

In his outreach since the Nichols episode, Scarlette hears stories such as those told by Terrance Jordan, a schools administrator who was part of the chief's meeting that day with a group of local leaders dedicated to community health.

As Black teens growing up in Springfield, Jordan told the chief, he and his friends regularly were profiled by officers who would "roll up" on them as they hung out after school and start patting down their pockets. He recalled the experience as terrifying and urged Scarlette to consider that history as he charted a plan for the future.

"I think that's just as important as what you guys do moving forward," Jordan said. "But how do you acknowledge the wrong that was done? I don't know."

Scarlette told him he would ensure that "something like that Nichols incident, something like what has happened historically in the past with policing" would never happen again.

As they talked, Jordan's tone softened, and he assured the chief that he had seen changes. The other members nodded. Jordan said he had been surprised to see officers playing ball with children on the same street corners where he and his friends were hassled.

"It's not perfect," Jordan said, "but I've seen the difference, and I've seen the growth, and I'm appreciative."

After the meeting, Scarlette said it was frustrating that he could not yet deliver an ending for the saga. His biggest play was decertification, a formal request for the revocation of Nichols's ability to work elsewhere as a law enforcement officer, an option that had not been available in Illinois until the governor introduced it as part of recent criminal justice reforms.

The process was so new, Scarlette said, that when he sent the request — just four days after learning of Nichols's online posts — his contact at the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, known as ILETSB, told him there were no personnel to consider the issue and likened the office to "flying a plane in the air that has not been put together."

Twelve months later, ILETSB still had not officially ruled on the matter. Officials there did not respond to a phone message or email seeking comment.

The move might not be monumental, Scarlette said, but it would be an answer to the question that still comes up in every meeting, one concrete win in his year-long fight against hate.

"You don't get to just resign and this whole thing goes away," he said. "Because it's not going away for me as chief. It's not going away for this agency. It's not going away for the city."

Razzan Nakhlawi contributed to this report.



THE WORLD

Headed to the hospital? Hire a companion.

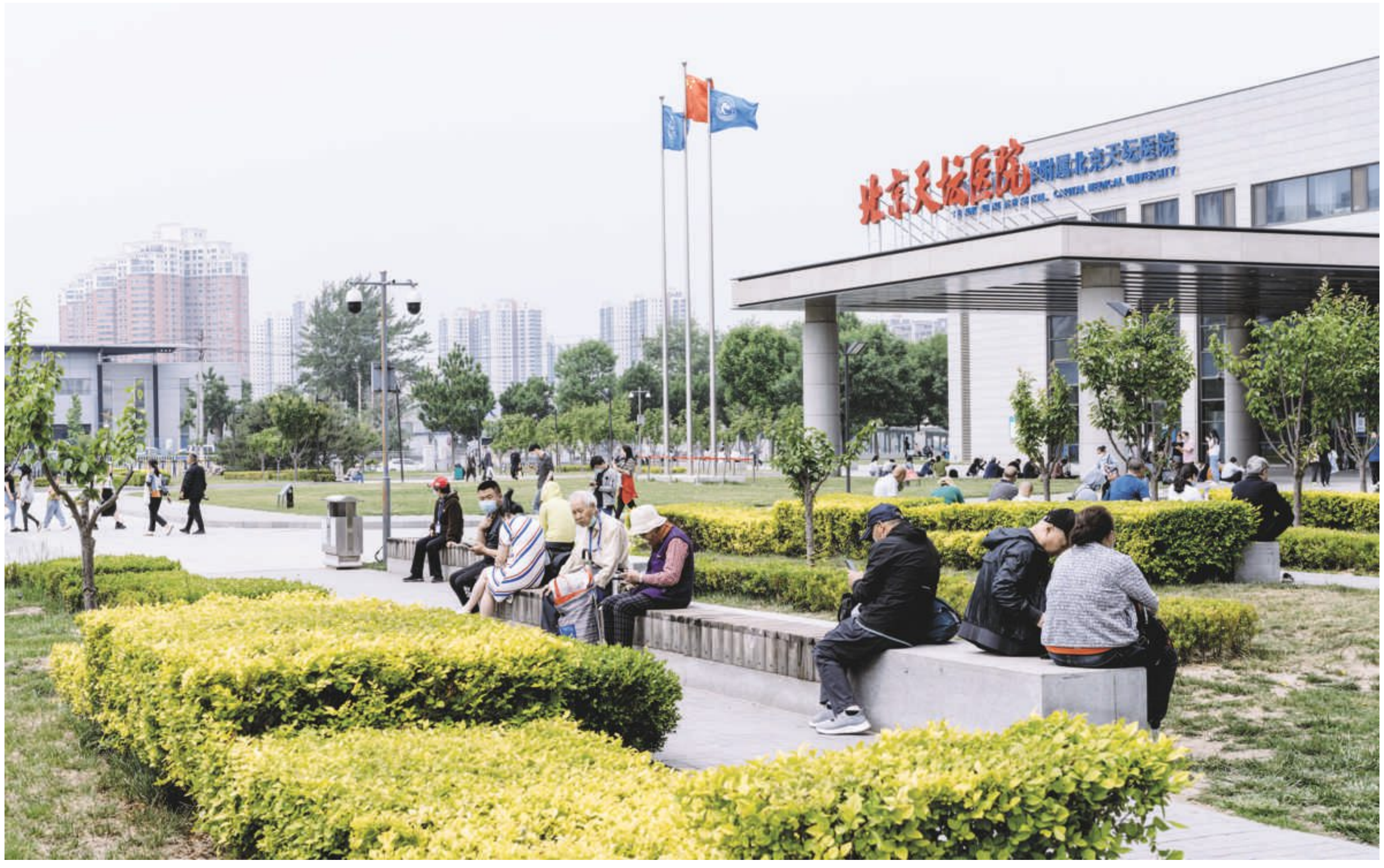
The latest Chinese rent-a-service is booming in a country where children can't always be there for aging parents

BY LILY KUO AND THEODORA YU



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"Patient companion" Zhang Zhen, 44, center, explains a medical report to a patient and his wife at Beijing Tiantan Hospital.



People rest outside the hospital's outpatient building. Companions grew popular in the pandemic, when Chinese officials instituted "zero covid" rules that prohibited travel across provinces and even neighborhoods, often preventing grown children from aiding their parents.

Zhang Zhen has learned a few tricks for her job accompanying people to their hospital appointments: Don't ask too much about a person's illness, have a wheelchair ready, bring snacks and "focus on the positive," she says.

The 44-year-old Beijinger is part of a booming profession in China: She's a "patient companion," someone who hires themselves out to go along with patients during medical services, from regular doctor's appointments to chemotherapy sessions. It's the latest rent-a-service in a country where you can pay someone to be your boyfriend during the holidays or a bridesmaid for your wedding.

Patient companions often take the place of adult children who cannot take their aging parents to the hospital, either because they live too far away or can't take time off work. The job is demanding physically and mentally, said Zhang, who is often up by 5:30 a.m. and on her feet so much that her knees and feet have started to hurt.

"Patient companions really are temporary children for these people. You want to make them feel comfortable and safe — maybe even more so than their own children would," she said.

"In their hearts, they really want their children to be with them," she said. "That's why we have to show them love."

While companions began appearing at Chinese hospitals in the mid-2010s, they grew popular during the coronavirus pandemic. Chinese authorities instituted strict "zero covid" rules that prohibited travel across provinces and even neighborhoods of the same city. Residents who couldn't take their parents for hospital visits turned to friends and family — and eventually the internet, where these services were taking off.

But the service also reflects some of China's most-pressing societal and demographic problems.

As China's elderly population has grown, so have their medical needs, yet their children are fewer and farther away, often moving across the country for work. Decades of family planning policies have left millions of aging residents with few relatives to look after them.

It is also a symptom of the difficult job market many young Chinese face today after three years of covid-19 policies that paralyzed the world's second-biggest economy.

"Although China still values intergenerational care, because of this migration, it's very difficult," said Yuying Tong, a demographer at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "As the parents and grandparents of the one-child-policy generation age, this will be an emerging industry to cope with aging issues in China."

Although coronavirus infections have subsided in China, the patient companion business continues to expand.

On the shopping platform Meituan, where users order food delivery or hail a car, they can now book patient companions. For as little as $13, a companion will pick up medicine or a medical report. Escorting a patient to and from the hospital in a private car costs $86.

According to a report in the People's Daily newspaper last year, there were more than 500 businesses offering patient companion services on e-commerce sites such as Taobao and Jingdong.

Hundreds of videos of companions advertising their services in major Chinese cities can be found on Little Red Book, a lifestyle platform, or Douyin, the Chinese version of TikTok.

Uplifting classical music plays over footage of them walking through hospital wards, waiting in long lines and waving hospital registration numbers — needed for getting an appointment in China's public hospital system. They introduce themselves, their background and why they got into this field.

Trips to the hospital are a fixture in the lives of many Chinese citizens, most of whom do not have a regular doctor and go to public hospitals for even routine care.

Yet hospitals in major cities like Beijing are infamous for being crowded and overwhelming. Just getting an appointment is a competitive process that often requires waking up at dawn to begin fighting for a slot as soon as registration opens online. Residents from rural areas, where health care lags far behind, also flock here.

Visits easily become day-long affairs of waiting in lines and shuffling back and forth across a sprawling hospital for tests and to make payments, or to pick up medical files or prescriptions — a labyrinthine system where each step is its own lengthy process. After all that, patients often get only a few minutes with a doctor.

"With us, an appointment that would have taken a day can be done in possibly half a day," said Jiang Jiang, a 27-year-old in Hangzhou, who does this work full time and recently organized a collective of about 20 medical students to work as patient companions.

They help about 300 people a month, doing everything from recommending hospital departments to explaining the doctor's words.

Companions can pick up prescriptions for their clients, register and wait in line for appointments, and escort them home after a procedure.

With a list of their client's symptoms, the companions can also see a doctor in lieu of the patient, a service called daizhen, or getting a diagnosis on behalf of the client. It was especially popular during the pandemic when people stayed away from hospitals for fear of catching the coronavirus.

At the height of China's coronavirus outbreak, Liu Xiaoli, a 34-year-old in Hangzhou, was working 14-hour days as she ran to different hospitals to get medicine for sick residents or accompanied anxious patients to hospitals, where even the lobbies were crammed with people on intravenous drips. People begged for help and offered to pay her any price.

"You saw it all," said Liu, who struggled to find a job with flexible hours and good pay during the pandemic after staying at home for years to raise two children. "You really felt how fragile life is."

As a new industry, patient companionship is not regulated, and there are no requirements for becoming a companion. Legal scholars have called for more oversight, including protections for both sides, and standardized prices.

Zhang, who learned from another patient companion and started taking jobs last September, said she doesn't believe a medical background is necessary. "That's why people go see the doctors, right?" she said.

Vicky Li, 35, who works in insurance in Shanghai, has used patient companions twice — once to accompany her mother-in-law and daughter to the hospital because she worried her mother, who had recently arrived from rural Yunnan, would struggle on her own, and another time when Li needed a gastroscopy.

"If you want to get an appointment quickly, see a doctor or have to stay overnight for a procedure, this saves you time. It also saves you worry," she said.

A colleague of Li's uses a companion to take her father, who has cancer, to the hospital when she cannot ask for leave. "I call this a kind of 'alleviation' service. It gives us middle-aged people a little breathing room," Li said.

There is still, however, some reticence around this emerging industry. Doctors are not always familiar with the idea of paid companions. And in some cases, the children doing the hiring don't want their parents to know someone is being paid to accompany them.

Jiang, in Hangzhou, said some clients hiring her to accompany their elderly parents will ask that she pretend to be a friend or a classmate. "I've played all kinds of roles," she said, noting that she and the client make sure their stories "match up."

Many patient companions defend their line of work in promotional videos. They explain that their work is different from that of scalpers, who sell hospital appointments and are seen as profiting from other people's misfortune.

"Is this an embarrassing line of work?" one companion in Henan province said in a video of him walking through a hospital. "What's embarrassing is having empty pockets. Working hard and earning money is something to be proud of."

But patient companions and experts alike think the profession will be accepted eventually. That may already be happening. Liu, in Hangzhou, said half of her clientele now is young people who don't want to go to the hospital alone or bother friends or family.

Tong, the demographer, agrees that society will adjust. "In the future, maybe people will realize this is normal, like paying people to clean the house, or taking a taxi."

Lyric Li in Seoul and Vic Chiang in Taipei, Taiwan, contributed to this report.

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NIGERIA

Death toll hits 80 in attack on villages

The death toll from an attack by dozens of gunmen in north-central Nigeria's Plateau state has reached 80, local authorities said Thursday, with survivors still searching for bodies days after the violence.

The gunmen targeted several villages in the remote Mangu district during the attack, which started Monday and lasted until Tuesday, residents said. Burials continued Thursday in parts of Mangu, 37 miles from Jos, the state capital.

Police said seven suspects had been arrested. It was a "situation of sporadic shooting across a vast area of different villages," said Alabo Alfred, the command spokesman.

After decades of conflict, current and former pastoralists from the Fulani tribe took up arms against farmers over limited access to land and water. The attacks are sometimes reprisals and are mostly in remote areas where security forces are outnumbered.

As of Thursday, families in the district were unable to retrieve the bodies of victims in still-volatile areas, said Philip Pamshak, who has been assisting with mass burials.

Quoting the local chiefs he spoke to when he visited the affected areas, Plateau Deputy Gov. Sonni Tyoden said in a statement that at least 10 villages were targeted in the attack. Residents said it was carried out by herdsmen after a resident complained that their cattle had destroyed his banana plantation.

— Associated Press

LEBANON

Central bank chief called on to resign

Lebanese Deputy Prime Minister Saadeh al-Shami called Thursday for the central bank governor, Riad Salameh, to resign after France issued an arrest warrant against him as part of a fraud investigation.

Salameh, his brother Raja and his assistant Marianne Hoayek are under probe in Lebanon and at least five European countries on suspicion they may have taken more than $300 million from the central bank.

"In any country when someone is accused of such crimes, they should not remain in a position of responsibility and should recuse themselves immediately," Shami said. "I think he should resign."

Salameh and his brother deny any wrongdoing. Salameh told Saudi-owned al-Hadath TV on Thursday that he will step down if any court rules against him.

He said he plans to appeal the French warrant, the first to come from any of the foreign probes. It was issued Tuesday.

Though some of Salameh's support bases in Lebanon and abroad are starting to fray, he said he wants to end his 30-year tenure as bank head when his latest term expires in July.

— Reuters

ITALY

Towns remain cut off after heavy rain, floods

Rescue crews worked Thursday to reach towns and villages in northern Italy still isolated by heavy rains and flooding, as the death toll rose to 13 and authorities began mapping out cleanup and reconstruction plans.

The extreme weather behind this week's disaster — a prolonged drought punctuated by 36 hours of intense rainfall, two weeks after another downpour — led to two dozen rivers and tributaries bursting their banks. The force of water sent torrents of mud tearing through entire towns in Emilia-Romagna, flooding storefronts and basements.

Mayors warned that some remote villages were still completely cut off because landslides had made roads impassable and phone service remained severed. That has hindered rescue teams and kept authorities from understanding the full scope of their needs, said Mercato Seraceno Mayor Monica Rossi. "If it rains any more, the situation will be tragic," she told the Sky TG24 television channel.

— Associated Press

Vatican pulls back stamp: The Vatican has recalled a postage stamp promoting this year's World Youth Day in Portugal after complaints that it celebrated the country's colonial empire and the dictatorship of Antonio Salazar. The stamp features Pope Francis leading children up Lisbon's Monument to the Discoveries, built in 1960 to mark 500 years since the death of Henry the Navigator, a leader of Portugal's 15th-century maritime expansion. The monument is repudiated by some in Portugal because it was built during Salazar's tenure to promote nationalist identity and colonial expansion in Africa.

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Europe's military industrial capabilities fall short of Ukraine's battlefield needs

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weaponry, military experts said. Kyiv's existing stores of Russian-made equipment are becoming depleted, as are the West's own stockpiles, raising the risk of shortages in supplies for Ukraine by the end of the year, which will hamper Ukraine's ability to launch any further offensives, these experts said.

"The penny has dropped that this might go on longer and that you have to invest in your industry if we are going to make this sustainable," said Jack Watling, senior research fellow for Land Warfare at the Royal United Services Institute, a British think tank. "The fact of the matter is that this was obvious in April last year, but people sat on their hands."

Explosions rocked Kyiv early Thursday, as Russia continued a wave of strikes on the Ukrainian capital. An air raid alert remained in place, and residents were urged to stay in shelters. Debris from missiles fell on the city, but no casualties were reported.

Ukraine's air force said it destroyed 29 of 30 missiles and four drones during the overnight strikes, which city officials in Kyiv said was the ninth air attack on the capital this month. At the Pentagon, spokeswoman Sabrina Singh says that the air-defense Patriot system damaged in Ukraine in a recent Russia attack has been fixed and is operational.

There is a growing realization in Western capitals that the piecemeal assistance to Ukraine so far may not be sufficient to allow Kyiv to make more than localized breakthroughs along the 900-mile front line where Russia has spent months fortifying its positions.

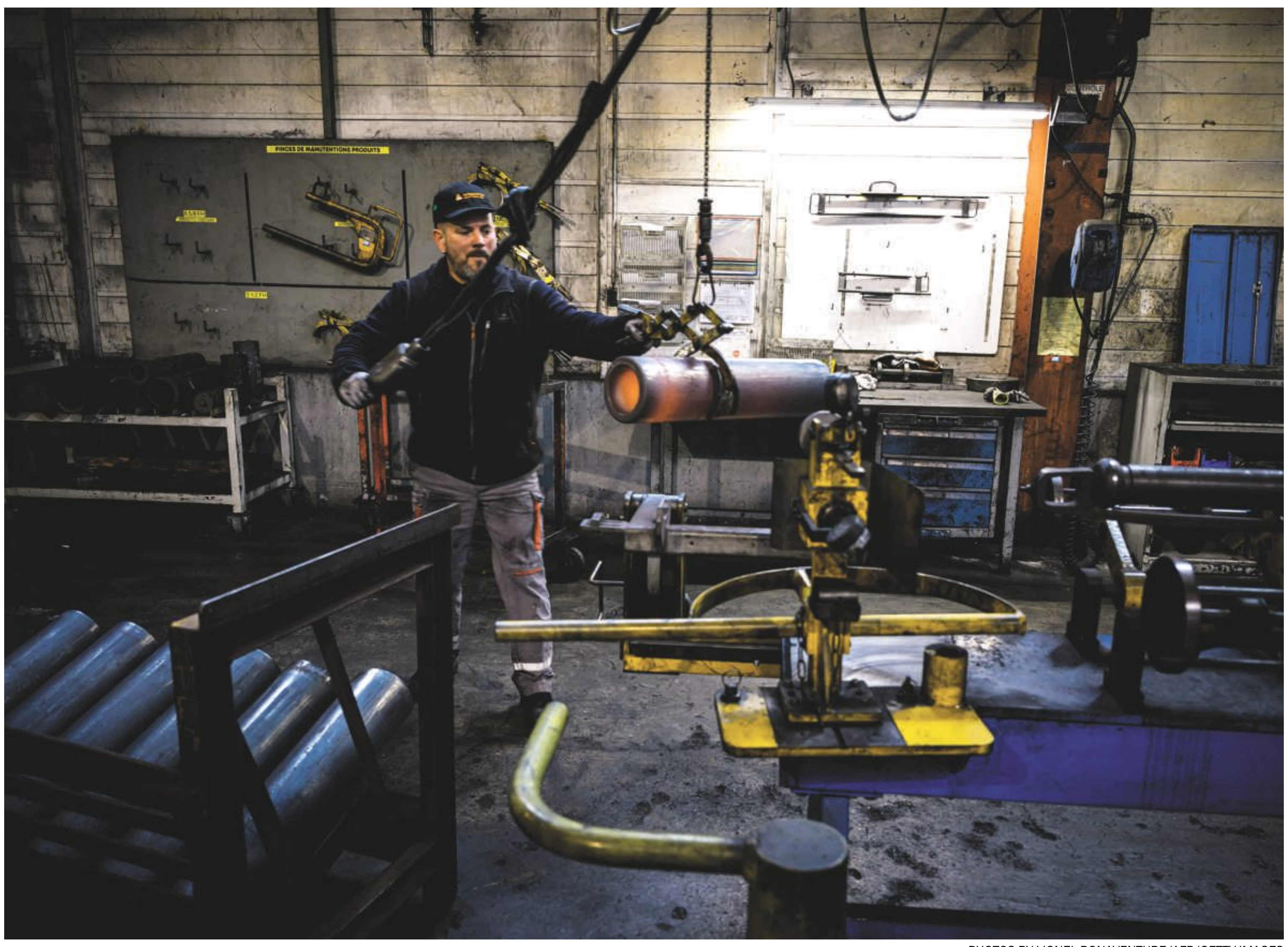
"History suggests even the stupid are capable of learning, and one of the things we should be very conscious of is that Russia knows this offensive is coming," said Gen. Richard Barrons, former commander of the British Army's Joint Forces Command.

The flurry of new weapons agreements has not "changed the brutal dynamic of this, which is that the Ukrainian force that is able to execute this offensive … is as big as it's going to be. It's got what it's got," Barrons continued. "The offensive should have some effect, but it won't throw every Russian out of Ukraine. In other words, this cannot be the last act in the war, if you are going to keep it going."

And some in Moscow echo that assessment and appear confident that Russia's military can largely hold its positions, though nervousness is growing over long-range missile supplies and whether Kyiv can break through the land bridge that Russia has carved to the Crimean Peninsula, which would be seen as a significant blow.

"Over the last few months, a lot has been done to strengthen the defense lines," said a longtime member of Russian diplomatic circles who remains in touch with colleagues in the government and spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters. "This doesn't mean that the Ukrainian counteroffensive can't achieve any aims. But it means that any attack will be accompanied by significant losses."

Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022 shocked a continent that had for decades funneled its "peace dividend" into economic growth and social spending, while shrinking its armies and hollowing out arsenals.



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An employee of Les Forges de Tarbes in Tarbes, France, works on a 155mm shell, the munition for French Caesar artillery guns used by Ukraine's armed forces. Ukraine is expending 90,000 to 140,000 rounds a month, according to one estimate.

"European militaries over the years had not focused on major war in Europe," said Camille Grand, who was until last year NATO's assistant secretary general for defense investment and is now a distinguished policy fellow with the European Council on Foreign Relations. "That was not core to the planning, and they were not stockpiling ammunition in sufficient numbers for that type of contingency."

NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu said the alliance was "continuing to work to rapidly address shortfalls in ammunition stockpiles, enhance interoperability and interchangeability and strengthen the transatlantic industrial base."

"Several allies, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Norway and France, have already signed large new contracts with the defense industry, enabling them to invest in increased production capacity," Lungescu said. NATO declined to provide additional details on the contracts.

Much of the announced military aid to Ukraine from Western governments has been sourced from equipment that would have gone out of service anyway, Watling said. "Most of what we have given is stuff we have already paid for a long time ago, and we would have had to pay to decommission it. … We are now talking about a situation where we have to put money on the table because we have to invest in industrial capacity."



A stockpile of shells for French Caesar artillery guns. The European Commission this month announced a 500 million-euro plan to boost production in Europe of the artillery shells Ukraine needs.

The stakes are rising as Russia seeks to paint its war in Ukraine as a battle against the liberal democracies of what it calls the "collective West."

"If we do not stop this threat in Ukraine, it is a threat that we will have to deal with in our own countries, and that is a much more expensive process than doing this. The opportunity here is that we rejuvenate our manufacturing and defeat our main security threat without having any of our own infrastructure targeted or our personnel killed," Watling added.

In the immediate aftermath of the invasion, allies moved quickly to sanction the Kremlin and to rally support to the Ukrainian cause but adopted a bit-by-bit approach on lethal aid, pushing back on Ukrainian requests for certain weapons, before eventually relenting and sending them — then repeating the pattern again.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg helped put the focus on ammunition at a meeting of NATO defense ministers in February, warning that Ukraine was chewing through ammunition much more quickly than it could be produced. Wait times for new large-caliber ammunition had grown from 12 to 28 months, he said.

"Just as important as supporting a successful offensive is an industrial policy to match the scale of the war, and we don't have that yet," Barrons said. "The most galling thing is that we have lost 13 months of war before we have begun to ramp up industry. We have not seen the sort of industrial activity to give Ukraine the stuff it needs to fight at scale."

The European Commission this month announced a 500 million-euro plan to boost production in Europe of the artillery shells Ukraine needs. Military experts say that although the initiative marks a significant shift, it has been too slow to act. The E.U. is yet to issue any new contracts, Watling and Barrons said, and there has been protracted wrangling over how a separate 1 billion-euro program would be spent to purchase further artillery shells and missiles.

Last year, the Ukrainian army was blasting through 180,000 artillery shell rounds per month. Before the war, U.S. production stood at 14,500 shells per month, and E.U. production was around the same. The United States has been faster to respond to depleting stockpiles, boosting domestic production to 20,000 rounds a month and investing in new capacity to eventually increase that to 90,000 rounds per month.

But Ukraine is still expending 90,000 to 140,000 rounds a month, according to Watling, while the newly announced E.U. investments in production could take one to two years to come online, despite a call by Thierry Breton, the European commissioner for the internal market, to move into "war economy mode."

"You don't have to be a great military analyst to realize that European countries making major investments into artillery production 13 months into the war are a little bit late," said Michael Kofman, director of the Russia studies program at the Center for Naval Analyses. "What's important is the U.S. has already significantly increased its artillery production. But there's greater capacity in Europe. It is incumbent upon them to leverage their defense industries and to spend the money."

Others argue that the recent E.U. announcements are still an important message to Russia. "Russia is betting on the fact it can wait out Western resolve. A months-long time frame sends the signal that solidarity holds and support will continue," said a senior E.U. diplomat who spoke on the condition of anonymity to brief the press. "The numbers [of shells] don't have practical meaning. It's that it is sustained.

"It sends the message to the Kremlin that, 'No matter what you think, our policy is set for longer,'" the diplomat continued.

Signs are emerging of a parallel effort in Russia to increase production, despite Western sanctions. Data recently published on Russia's federal treasury website showed Moscow spent 2 trillion rubles ($26 billion) on defense in January and February alone, a 282 percent increase over the same period in 2021, Reuters reported on Monday. Russia is on course to produce 2.5 million artillery shell rounds this year, up from 1.7 million before the war, Watling said.

In response to an E.U. pledge to supply Ukraine with 1 million artillery shells over the next 12 months, Russian President Vladimir Putin retorted in March that Moscow would produce three times as many shells over the same period.

"Russia has the capacity to mobilize its own economy in support of the armed forces and control its own destiny in a way that Ukraine can't," said Barrons. "The critical weakness" for Ukraine "is its reliance on Western inventory and industry."

Dan Lamothe in Washington contributed to this report.

Crowds in Iran try to stop execution of 3 men linked to protest movement

BY MIRIAM BERGER

Cars and crowds gathered outside Dastgerd prison in the Iranian city of Isfahan on Sunday night, in the hopes that their demonstration could halt the execution of three men facing death on charges connected to the anti-government protests that began last year and swept the country.

Days earlier, Iran's state broadcaster had aired footage of the harried-looking men — Majid Kazemi, Saeed Yaqoubi and Saleh Mirhashemi — appearing to confess and incriminate one another. Rights groups said the statements, which authorities often air ahead of executions, were probably given under torture or duress.

The men survived the night. But the executions, for which authorities have not publicly provided a date, are thought to be imminent. The three are not alone: In response to the protests, Tehran has wielded the threat of capital punishment to crack down on and deter dissent, local and international rights groups say, amid a spate of executions in 2023 — at least 209 in just five months, according to the United Nations.

Executions overall were on the rise in Iran last year, according to human rights group Amnesty International's annual report on global executions, released this week — a trend that appears set to continue.



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Demonstrators assemble in Lyon, France, in January to rally against the Iranian government and its crackdown on dissent.

Since December, Iran has executed four men for alleged crimes committed during the protests. Forty have been charged with capital offenses and the Supreme Court has upheld eight cases, the Isfahan ones included, according to Skylar Thompson, the head of global advocacy and accountability at HRANA, a Virginia-based activist news agency focused on Iran.

The three men are accused of fatally shooting two members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Basij volunteer force and one police officer on Nov. 16, during the height of the "women, life, freedom" movement that erupted amid protests rejecting clerical rule. The ordeal became known as the Isfahan House case after a historical site close to the alleged attack.

The three men were arrested on Nov. 21. After a swift trial, one of the judges most associated with sentencing protesters to hang found them guilty of "waging war against god," a charge that can merit the death penalty under Iran's legal system, which is based on a strict interpretation of Islamic law.

Advocates say the government did not present credible evidence of a connection between the defendants and the bullets and guns allegedly used in the killings, or a consistent account of the central facts of the case. The defendants were reportedly denied access to a lawyer of their choosing — as is the norm in Iran's Revolutionary Courts, which serve as a parallel legal system to protect the Islamic republic.

Soon after the trial, Kazemi called his fiancée from Isfahan's Dastgerd prison and told her they were tortured and forced to confess, according to the family. "We were told to say these things in court all of it under torture. I did not have any gun or do anything," Kazemi told his fiancée, according to a recording of the call obtained by HRANA, which The Washington Post has not verified independently.

A judge upheld the ruling this month.

On Monday, Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejehi, the head of Iran's judiciary, said that his institution would use "the utmost decisiveness and speed of action" in cases of killed Iranian security forces, according to comments carried by state media outlets. He did not directly address the Isfahan case.

Before his arrest, Kazemi, 31, had a business making copper kitchenware, according to news reports. Mirhashemi, 36, is a karate champion and bodybuilding instructor. Yaqoubi, 38, worked at a real estate company and was the sole caretaker of his parents, Thompson said.

More than 20,000 people were arrested and at least 500 people killed during the anti-government protest movement that swept Iran for months after the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in mid-September, in the custody of the country's morality police. Iranian authorities have released many protesters starting in February but have simultaneously stepped up enforcement of mandatory hijabs for women.

In tandem with the ongoing political repression, Iran has carried out this year a "frightening spate of executions unrelated to the protest movement, mainly of men from minority communities charged with drug offenses, U.N. rights chief Volker Turk said in a recent statement. The country's more than 200 executions this year form an "abominable record" amounting to about 10 people killed each week, in a country among those leading the world in executions.

Exact figures are probably higher yet impossible to determine; there is little transparency around charges, trials and the outcomes of these cases. Families of those executed or on death row are often under extreme government pressure to stay silent.

Last year, Iran executed at least 576 people, an 83 percent increase from the previous year's record of at least 314 people, according to the Amnesty International report.

The recent "alarming surge in executions" is part of a broader pattern of impunity that has been ongoing for years, Thompson said. Individual cases often draw international attention for a period, she said. But executions continue "because of a complete lack of accountability."

"In the meantime, people's lives hang in the balance," she said.

U.S. officials ease off claim strike killed al-Qaeda leader

SYRIA FROM A1

“We are no longer confident we killed a senior AQ official,” one official said. The other, offering a slightly different view, said “though we believe the strike did not kill the original target, we believe the person to be al-Qaeda.” Both spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss preliminary determinations of an ongoing investigation into the incident.

In the weeks since the attack, U.S. military officials have refused to identify publicly who their target was, how the apparent error occurred, whether a legitimate terrorist leader escaped and why some in the Pentagon maintain Misto was a member of al-Qaeda despite his family's denials.

In a statement, Michael Lawhorn, a spokesman for Central Command, said officials are aware of reports of a civilian casualty and continue to assess the outcome.

“Centcom takes all such allegations seriously and is investigating to determine whether or not the action may have unintentionally resulted in harm to civilians,” Lawhorn said Thursday.

Typically the Pentagon will widen such investigations if enough credible evidence of civilian harm emerges, raising questions in this case about whether the information used to authorize the attack has held up to scrutiny.

Last year, facing accusations the military had covered up past instances of errant airstrikes that killed innocent people, the Biden administration vowed to take steps it said would reduce such risks while promising greater transparency when unintended killings do occur. Investigations conducted by multiple media outlets, including The Post, have revealed how flawed intelligence and what the military calls “confirmation bias” have led to disaster, including a 2021 strike during the U.S. evacuation of Afghanistan that officials initially declared had resulted in the death of a suicide bomber but instead killed 10 Afghan civilians, including seven children.

The Post provided four terrorism experts with details about Misto and where he lived, and asked them to survey online discussions among jihadists after the strike for any talk about the attack in Qorqanya. None found references indicating Misto was affiliated with a terrorist group. And each said it would be very unusual for al-Qaeda — particularly a senior leader — to operate in any meaningful way near the area, which is controlled by a rival group that split from the organization years ago and now considers al-Qaeda an adversary.

The drone strike occurred near Misto's home and chicken farm. The Post shared those coordinates with one of the U.S. defense officials, who said the location is near a “known area of interest” to al-Qaeda but declined to specify which building or buildings were of concern to the United States. Misto's neighbors told The Post that terrorists do not live or operate near the home.

It is unclear whether American commanders overseeing the strike realized Misto lived close by, and whether his home's proximity to the “known area of interest” to al-Qaeda was a factor in their belief that he was a militant.

The Post obtained images showing Misto's face before and after his death and provided those to Central Command. Officials there have not said whether they believe he is the man killed in the strike. Two facial recognition experts who reviewed the imagery said they were confident it showed the same person, with one expert's analysis reaching 90 percent certainty. A third found inconclusive results.



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE

An image from a video taken by the humanitarian response group Syrian Civil Defense, often called the White Helmets, captures the moments after a U.S. strike killed Misto. People stood nearby in shock.

The strike

Details about what transpired before and after the U.S. attack were gathered from interviews with Misto's family and neighbors and images provided by the Syrian Civil Defense, a humanitarian response group often referred to as the “White Helmets” that responded to the strike location within minutes.

Misto's neighbors described his routines of drinking tea with family and friends, tending to his animals and leaving home mostly to pray at his mosque. He was a traditional Muslim, they said, and did not own a phone.

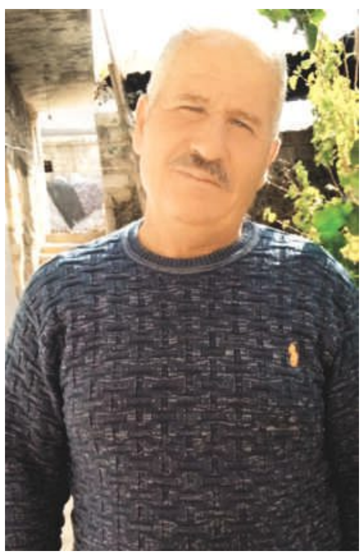
The morning of May 3 was unremarkable, his son Hassan said. Misto gathered with family about 7:30 a.m. “We had breakfast that morning like there was nothing wrong. We had breakfast and everything was fine, and then he went to herd his sheep,” the son recalled.

Misto took a break after a few hours outside near his home to have tea with his brother. They parted ways around 11:30 a.m., and he returned to his animals as they grazed in a rolling field of shrubs, twisting trees and rock outcroppings.

An MQ-9 Predator drone soared overhead, tracking Misto's footsteps through the field. Such aircraft had been surveilling the area for nearly two weeks, neighbors said. The Hellfire missile hit him not far from where he had tea with his brother just 20 minutes earlier.

The explosion sent a pillar of smoke into the bright blue sky, raising alarm in the town.

A local resident contacted the White Helmets through an emergency number, and a team of first responders arrived within 10 minutes. At least one wore a video camera on his helmet.



FAMILY PHOTO

An undated image of Lotfi Hassan Misto, 56, whose family said he was a former bricklayer. Listo was killed on May 3 by a U.S. drone strike in Syria.

The previously unpublished video, which was provided to The Post, shows a dozen people standing nearby as the aid workers arrive. Most stare in shock. Some cry.

The video shows two men attempting to pull one of Misto's sons, Muhammed Misto, away from his father's severely disfigured body as another man covers it with a shirt. Misto's wife identified her husband's remains to the White Helmets, a spokesperson said, who then took the body to a hospital in town.

Video and images published online show sheep's corpses intermixed with fragments from the missile.

Terror experts skeptical

Typically, when al-Qaeda leaders are killed, sympathizers announce their deaths online as a celebration of martyrdom, said Jerome Drevon, a senior analyst on jihad and modern conflict with the International Crisis Group. If the victim was a lower-level member of the organization, groups may not announce their death, he said, but people close to them will, often saying how they were connected to the group. In this case, Drevon said “there was nothing.”

Rita Katz, executive director of SITE Intelligence Group, which closely tracks online activity of jihadist organizations, did not find anything online that suggested Misto was active with or tied to al-Qaeda. None of the posts Katz reviewed cast doubt on Misto's civilian status, she said.

“Very quickly after this strike, the White Helmets came out and identified the individual with his name and his profession. Locals came forward to say, this guy's always been a farmer. He's never had any political activities; he's never had any affiliation with armed groups,” said Charles Lister, the director of Syria and Countering Terrorism and Extremism at the Middle East Institute. “The pace and breadth of such pushback was actually quite unusual.”

Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a militant group that controls the de facto local government and military force in Syria's Idlib province, visited the site later in the day and removed missile components. A spokesperson for the group, also known as HTS, told The Post the victim was a civilian. The group did not respond to additional questions or requests for comment.

HTS, a U.S.-designated terrorist group, was affiliated with al-Qaeda but broke ties in 2016 and has since removed anyone from the area who does not agree with its viewpoints, the experts said.

Even if a few al-Qaeda leaders are still on the ground in Idlib province, Drevon said, “they literally can't act since HTS has forbidden them from conducting any military activities. All of them are surviving underground or living on the run. They know well that HTS can arrest them at any time.”

In interviews, Misto's family and longtime neighbors said the accusation of an al-Qaeda affiliation struck them as bizarre.

“He was born here and died here,” said a neighbor who called himself Abu Zaid.

Misto's brother was more pointed. “If they claim that he's a terrorist, or that they got someone from al-Qaeda,” he said, “they're all liars.”

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N.Y. car chase highlights Prince Harry's media mission

He blamed paparazzi for Diana's death and wants to change tabloid culture

BY KARLA ADAM AND WILLIAM BOOTH

LONDON — To understand how rattled Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, may have been when pursued this week in New York City by photographers, it is important to recall that Harry believes paparazzi caused the car wreck that killed his mother, Princess Diana, when he was 12 years old.

For Harry, everything flows from that tragic event — and his stated fear of “history repeating itself” for himself, his wife and children.

On Tuesday night, after an award ceremony at a New York City ballroom, a spokeswoman for the couple said “highly aggressive paparazzi” chased a vehicle transporting Harry, Meghan and Meghan's mother, Doria Ragland.

The spokeswoman said the chase lasted two hours and was nearly “catastrophic.” A spokesperson for the New York Police Department said the presence of many photographers made the couple's transport “challenging,” adding that Harry and Meghan arrived at their destination safely without any collisions or injuries.

A photo agency, Backgrid, that worked with freelance photographers at the scene, said “there were no near-collisions or near-crashes during this incident. ... The photographers have reported feeling that the couple was not in immediate danger at any point.”

Ken Wharfe, a former bodyguard for Princess Diana and her then two young sons, said the episode in New York appeared to be “badly organized, badly planned.”

“There seemed to be chaos when they were leaving the hotel,” he told The Washington Post. “There was no delineation of barriers. Press were free to roam where they want. ... The journey got off to a bad start.”

Wharfe said if he had been there, he would have advised Harry and Meghan to pose briefly for photographs before they left. “All the paparazzi want is a photograph,” he said. “They aren't out to kill people.”



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Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, greet people outside Windsor Castle in England following the death of his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, in September.

But for Harry, after a lifetime marked by constant contact with the paparazzi, and with the fate of his mother so dominant in his worldview, the intentions of the media remain highly suspect.

He is waging three separate legal battles in British courts against the publishers of three of the largest tabloids in Britain — the Daily Mail, the Mirror and the Sun — over his claims that the publications hacked his phones and invaded his privacy.

His lawsuit against the parent company of the Mirror is underway, and the fifth-in-line to the throne could appear in the witness box early next month.

When Harry married biracial American Meghan Markle, many Brits hoped they would help modernize the British monarchy. But now, estranged from the royal family, Harry has said his mission in life is to change tabloid culture, which he believes not only pollutes the lives of media consumers but contributed to his family rift.

Harry “sincerely believes himself to be on a quest to clean up the British press,” said Alan Rusbridger, who edited the Guardian for 20 years and now runs Prospect magazine. He said there is almost an endless appetite for stories and photos about Harry and Meghan, and while “it's not open season on Harry and Meghan, it's almost open season on Harry and Meghan.”

“[Harry] genuinely has suffered a lot of intrusion, and you can understand why he feels angry, you don't need much empathy to understand that whatever happened in New York is bound to be upsetting to him,” he said.

In his memoir, “Spare,” Harry wonders aloud why the paparazzi who pursued his mother into a Paris tunnel in 1997 weren't arrested. “Why were those paps not more roundly blamed?” he asks. “Who sent them? And why were they not in jail?”

In 1999, a French judge investigating the high-speed crash assigned sole responsibility to her drunk driver and not the photographers pursuing them.

The prince's disgust with the media has been further fueled by what he considers targeted harassment, with racist overtones, in the coverage of his wife.

He blamed the Daily Mail for Meghan suffering a miscarriage. He said the British tabloids illegally gathered information on him and ruined his relationship with previous girlfriends.

When British TV personality Jeremy Clarkson wrote in the Sun tabloid that he dreamed Meghan would be “made to parade naked through the streets of every town in Britain while the crowds chant ‘Shame!’ and throw lumps of excrement at her,” Harry spoke out, describing the piece as “hurtful and cruel” and suggesting that it encouraged the mistreatment of women. The British public largely backed the prince. The Sun withdrew the column, a response that appeared to be unprecedented.

In “Spare,” Harry writes of the damage done “all because a dreadful mob of dweebs and crones and cut-rate criminals and clinically diagnosable sadists along Fleet Street feel the need to get their jollies and plump their profits and work out their personal issues by tormenting one very large, very ancient, very dysfunctional family.”

In many ways, Harry's fight with his family is all about media. Harry charges that the PR teams working for his brother, Prince William, his stepmother, Queen Camilla, and his father, King Charles III, actively offered negative stories about him and Meghan in exchange for better coverage for themselves.

His family members have not responded to those allegations.

The prince said on ITV that changing the media “may be incredibly hard, and I don't know how long it is going to take, but it is 100 percent worth it.” He added that he is “happy with them talking crap about me every single day because I know it is not true, but what I draw the line at is when you are inciting hatred on myself and on my wife and on my children.”

He hopes to force change through the courts.

In his case against the publisher of the Daily Mirror, where he is expected to take the stand, Harry alleges that his voice mails were hacked and other information illegally obtained between 1996 and 2011. He scored an early win in the trial when the publisher admitted to unlawfully gathering information on him in one instance. But the publisher denies that the paper hacked his phone and argues that the case shouldn't go forward because too much time has passed.

Harry is also suing Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper group, News Group Newspapers, for unlawful acts — including hacking his voice mails — that he alleges were committed from 1994 until 2016. In court documents in that case, Harry claimed there was a secret settlement between Murdoch's company and Prince William.

And he is suing the publisher of the Daily Mail and the Mail on Sunday for alleged phone hacking and misuse of private information. Harry showed up for a pretrial hearing at the High Court in London in March — something he didn't need to do, but it underscored how seriously he is taking the case. The publishers deny the allegations.

Matt Walsh, head of the School of Journalism at Cardiff University in Wales, said Harry's lawsuits against the tabloids are unlikely to set new legal precedents in Britain, as much of the behavior that the prince alleges in his civil lawsuits is already illegal — meaning you can't hack someone's phone.

It is legal for a photographer take photographs in public places, Walsh points out. It is against the law for them to drive recklessly or cause collisions.

Rusbridger, the former Guardian editor, said the attitude of British paparazzi is “‘we will take the pictures and pay later if we have to.’ It's such a lucrative market that if you get fined five years later, you take it on the chin.”

Walsh predicted that Harry's appearance in court will garner global headlines. “Whenever the royals have become involved in court cases, they never give evidence,” he said. “They never, ever appear in court.”

Harry and his lawyers could embarrass the tabloids. He could win a substantial settlement — or not. He could win in the court of public opinion — or not.

Walsh said that the prince, unlike other plaintiffs, has the money and the motivation not to settle out of court.

“This is part of his life's work,” Walsh said. “He feels it to be his duty to stop the press being as intrusive and as aggressive as they are into the private lives of the rich and famous.”

3D scans reveal the Titanic in extraordinary new detail

BY ADELA SULIMAN

More than a century after the Titanic sank on its maiden voyage from England — a tragedy that continues to captivate scientists, Hollywood and the public — cutting-edge technology may be providing clues as to how the most luxurious passenger ship of its time met such a doomed end.

A massive underwater 3D scanning project, led by British deep-sea mapping company Magellan, this week revealed a "digital twin" of the vessel with stunning features of the wreckage some 3,800 meters deep in the North Atlantic Ocean.

"The volume of data that we acquired was enormous," Magellan chief executive Richard Parkinson said in a statement, and "the results were astonishing."

Parkinson called the effort an "unprecedented mapping and digitalization operation of the Titanic ... one of the most famous yet inaccessible man-made objects." It took place over six weeks in 2022 and faced bad weather and technical complications. But the scans that followed meant the ship could then be mapped in "extraordinary detail," according to the company.

Its scientists observed the gaping hole where the grand staircase was once positioned — the staircase made famous in the 1997 blockbuster movie with Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. They even found bottles of champagne and the serial number on a propeller.

The images released do not show any evidence of the more than 1,500 lives lost in the disaster.

Previous images of the ship — which hit an iceberg while on its way to New York City and was discovered by American oceanographer Robert Ballard and others in 1985 — have been limited by low light levels and poor water quality.

Magellan's process generated over 715,000 still images that provided the data allowing its team to create a digital model of startling clarity. It shows the bow and stern section of the ship, which separated upon sinking, as well as the scene's three-mile debris field.

A specialist ship was positioned in the Atlantic about 430 miles off the Canadian coast, with two submersibles — named Romeo and Juliet — deployed for hours below the surface to map every millimeter of the wreck.

The wreck was not touched or disturbed in the process, the company said, and ended with a flower-laying ceremony in memory of those who died. Magellan is now working with media company Atlantic Productions to make a documentary about the project.

"I have been studying Titanic for 20 years, but this is a true game changer," Titanic explorer and researcher Parks Stephenson said in a statement. "What we are seeing for the first time is an accurate and true depiction of the entire wreck and debris site. I'm seeing details that none of us have ever seen before."

He hailed the work as the "beginning of a new chapter" for the next generation of Titanic study.

The scans will also give scientists and archaeologists a new level of access, said Helen Farr, maritime archaeologist at the University of Southampton. They will allow researchers to study the ship's condition, document decay and better monitor the marine environment, Farr told The Washington Post.

"These 3D scans and images also tell the story of the human loss," she added, with personal items such as shoes and crockery recovered from the seabed. "Living in Southampton, the port city from which RMS Titanic set sail in 1912, I know that these losses have not been forgotten. More than 720 of the 900 crew were from the city. A generation was lost in this disaster."

Even before its ill-fated maiden voyage, the ship was famous around the world for its opulence and such extravagances as a gymnasium and swimming pool on board. Its passengers included members of America's and Britain's wealthiest or most famous families, as well as immigrants making their way to new lives.

The wreckage became a UNESCO protected heritage site in 2012, part of an effort to protect and preserve the remains. The ship's iron continues to erode and rust, noted Titanic expert Leon Litvack, a researcher at Queen's University Belfast — the city where the luxury liner was built.

"These scans are very evocative. ... She was a formidable vessel," he said.

The deep sea's low oxygen levels have helped keep the Titanic relatively well-preserved, Litvack said, and now advanced technology can help plumb more of its secrets. "This seemingly unsinkable ship perished in a matter of hours," he told The Post.

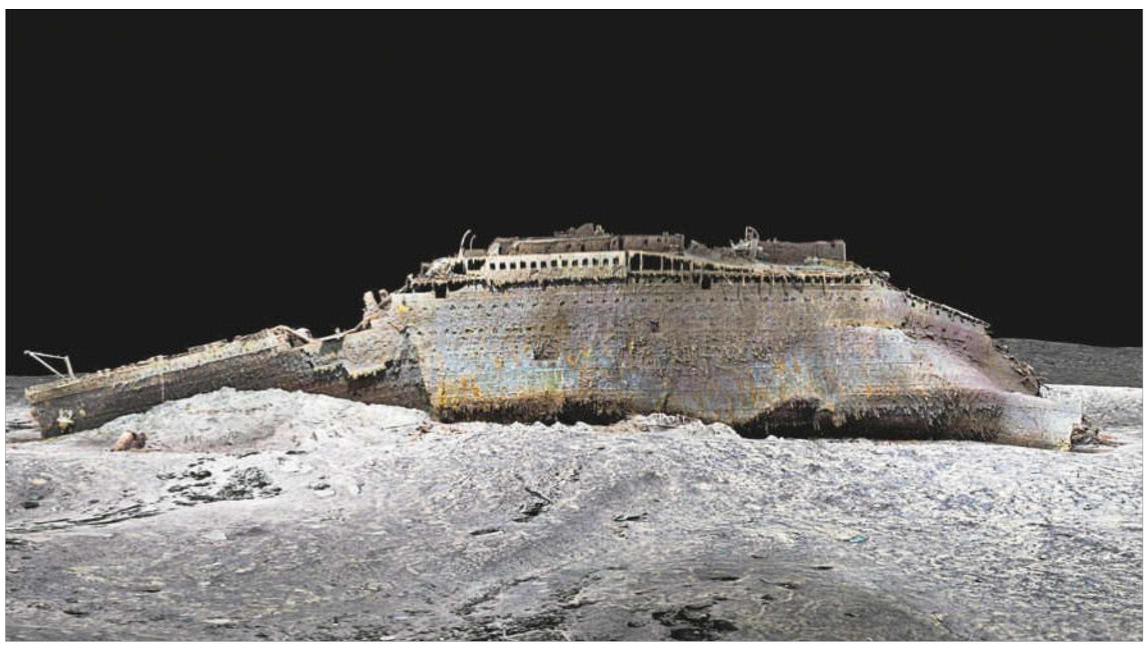
The new images may trigger another surge of fascination.

Part of the Titanic's enduring appeal is the sheer scale of the disaster and the mystery of what went so terribly wrong. Was it the iceberg, the ship's speed, a lack of lifeboats, the failure of SOS messages to get out — or all of those factors? The "what ifs," Litvack said, will continue to be debated for decades to come.

"It was more than just a shipwreck," he added. "It will endure in the public mind."



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ABOVE: The 3D scanning project led by British deep-sea mapping company Magellan offers unprecedented detail of the Titanic's bow some 3,800 meters deep in the North Atlantic. Previous images of the shipwreck have been limited by low light levels and poor water quality.

LEFT: Magellan's process generated over 715,000 still images that provided the data allowing its team to create the first full-size digital scan of the luxury liner that sank April 15, 1912, after striking an iceberg on its maiden voyage.

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Japan an outlier among G-7 countries on LGBTQ rights

Activists had hoped global spotlight would bring significant change

BY MICHELLE YE HEE LEE AND JULIA MIO INUMA



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Participants march in the Tokyo Rainbow Pride parade in April. Japanese lawmakers have agreed to introduce a watered-down bill toward "promoting the understanding" of LGBTQ communities.

TOKYO — As the leaders of the world's largest economies gather in Hiroshima this weekend, Japan will stand out as an outlier on LGBTQ rights as the only Group of Seven member without legalized same-sex unions.

Japan faced growing international scrutiny of its poor record on LGBTQ rights ahead of the G-7 summit, which begins Friday. Pro-LGBTQ supporters from within and outside of Japan called on the country to demonstrate that it stands alongside other major economies and leading democracies when it comes to the rights of sexual minorities.

But in the end — after much debate and infighting — Japanese lawmakers this week agreed to introduce a watered-down bill that would do the bare minimum to protect gay rights by "promoting the understanding" of LGBTQ communities, with no additional legal protection. The national legislature will vote on it by the end of June.

In socially conservative Japan, there is subtle but rampant discrimination against sexual minorities, but those views are slowly shifting toward acceptance — as shown by the growing support for same-sex marriage in recent surveys. Taiwan is the only place in the region with marriage equality.

Japan's gay community had looked to the global event as a potential catalyst for change and is disappointed at the government's decision to clear the path for a bill that promotes tolerance, rather than one that ensures protection from employment, health-care and other discrimination.

Supporters of gay rights say they hope to see Japan eventually embrace the shift in public opinion through new legal protections.

"As long as there are sexual minorities whose human rights are being violated in reality, regardless of whether it is before or after the G-7 summit, I think that the push for the establishment of laws such as anti-discrimination laws and same-sex marriage will not stagnate," said Makiko Terahara, representative director of the advocacy group Marriage for All Japan.

The recent debate over the status of gay rights in Japan began in February, when Prime Minister Fumio Kishida apologized for a former top aide's homophobic remarks after firing him. Kishida instructed his ruling Liberal Democratic Party to introduce LGBTQ legislation, which drew backlash from the conservative wing that advocates for traditional family values.

Shoji Nishida, an LDP lawmaker and leading opponent of gay rights legislation, last week expressed his reluctance to go further than a tolerance bill. He said he believed that creating an anti-discrimination bill "will result in social conflict and division and does not belong in Japanese society."

The prime minister was trying to thread a political needle, said Masaki Taniguchi, a professor of Japanese politics at the University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics.

"While Kishida wants to try to avoid criticism from other countries for being late in the social inclusion of LGBTQ people ahead of the G-7 summit, he is also concerned about the possibility of provoking the [conservative] faction, the largest faction," he said.

Japan lags behind other developed nations on LGBTQ inclusion legislation, according to a survey by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Japanese youths are leading the shift in attitudes. Public polls show 91 percent of Japanese people between the ages of 18 and 29 support same-sex marriage. Even among LDP supporters, about 60 percent support same-sex marriage.

About 300 local municipalities have enacted partnership systems for gay couples to extend certain rights that apply to married heterosexual couples, covering some 65 percent of the population. The Japan Business Federation, the powerful business lobby, has endorsed the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Gay couples have filed five lawsuits in Japanese courts to challenge the constitutionality of the ban on marriage, but they have so far produced mixed results. Two of the cases are still unfolding.

Other leading economies that have legalized same-sex unions or marriage are far from perfect when it comes to gay rights. In the United States, where same-sex marriage is legal nationwide, transgender rights have become a flash point in culture wars that have deepened polarization. Italy, which legalized same-sex civil unions in 2016, is now moving to restrict certain parental rights of same-sex couples.

But LGBTQ rights supporters argued that the G-7 summit nonetheless presented a prime opportunity for Japan to take action while the global spotlight is on the nation. Last week, representatives of 15 foreign missions based in Japan released a video promoting gay rights.

U.S. Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.), who is Japanese American and the first openly gay person of color elected to the U.S. Congress, has joined the chorus of non-Japanese officials urging lawmakers to reconsider their stance.

"What undergirds the alliance between Japan and America is the common, shared values," Takano said during his visit to Tokyo last month to advocate for LGBTQ legislation. "The LGBTQ community — their status within a country … is always a test for me in the liberal democratic health and pulse of the country."

For supporters, Japan's move has a similar ring to 2021, when Japan decided not to adopt anti-discrimination legislation ahead of the Tokyo Olympics, despite the Games' theme of "Unity in Diversity."

"The G-7 summit has become important timing for Japan's significant lag in laws concerning sexual minorities to be brought into the spotlight once again, and also generate momentum for the establishment of such laws," said Terahara of Marriage for All Japan.

Books disappearing from Hong Kong's libraries

Works that document China's Tiananmen crackdown are removed

BY THEODORA YU AND MEAGHAN TOBIN



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An "Animal Farm" poster at a Hong Kong book fair in 2021. Media involving "political themes" have started to vanish from libraries.

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's public libraries were once a haven of information that the Chinese government had erased from China's own history books.

For years, the semiautonomous city's library shelves held scores of titles about topics such as the 1989 massacre of pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. While in China merely mentioning these events could result in jail time, in Hong Kong, thousands of people marched in the streets every year to commemorate them.

But as Beijing has moved to crush Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement and imposed a sweeping national security law on the city, the annual public remembrance of the June 4 crackdown has been silenced, and even media documenting the events are disappearing from library shelves.

Since the national security law took effect in 2020 — criminalizing any activity seeming to question Beijing's authority and sending dozens to prison for actions such as holding blank pieces of paper in public — more than 40 percent of documentaries, magazines and books involving "political themes" have vanished from Hong Kong's libraries, according to Hong Kong newspaper Ming Pao.

A search by The Washington Post of the library system's online archive in Chinese and in English using keywords such as "June 4, 1989," "89 movement" and "Tiananmen Square" yielded no results about the crackdown.

When asked about the removal of media relating to June 4 from public libraries on Tuesday, Hong Kong's leader said libraries must comply with the law.

"These books are accessible by people in private book shops. If they want to buy, they can buy," Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee told reporters.

"What libraries need to do is to ensure that there's no breach of any laws in Hong Kong, including of course, copyrights etc., and also if they spread any kind of messages that are not in the interests of Hong Kong," Lee said.

A Hong Kong government report in April said that the department that operates the libraries needed to "step up efforts in examining library materials for safeguarding national security."

According to the report, a preliminary review had been conducted that focused on authors and publishers "suspected of publishing books on 'Hong Kong independence.'" The review was ongoing, the report said.

Documentaries made by public broadcaster RTHK were also removed from the library catalogue. A number of independent Hong Kong media outlets have been subject to raids and arrests since the national security law came into effect, casting a chill over the city's once-raucous media landscape.

As the 34th anniversary of the June 4 crackdown approaches, here are nine titles that can't be found on Hong Kong public library shelves as authorities move to erase the city's reputation for preserving the things that the Chinese Communist Party would like to forget.

1. "The People's Republic of Amnesia" by Louisa Lim

Louisa Lim, who reported from China for more than a decade for the BBC and NPR, chronicled the ripple effects of the Tiananmen Square crackdown through Chinese society with eyewitness interviews and deep dives into official records.

"When you find out that your own Amnesia book has been disappeared from HK public libraries," wrote Lim on Twitter about her book's disappearance. "It should not come as a surprise, given recent moves, and yet it shows how quickly the authorities are moving."

2. "Mandate of Heaven" by Orville Schell

China specialist Orville Schell described the cultural changes in China wrought by the events in Tiananmen Square in this 1995 book as China underwent a period of dramatic economic development in the years after the crackdown.

3. "On China and Hong Kong after Tiananmen" by Lee Kuan Yew

This collection documents speeches by former Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew outlining his views on Hong Kong's complex relationship with China in the wake of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

4. "Tiananmen Exiles" by Rowena He

In her first book, Hong Kong-based historian Rowena He interviewed three Chinese student leaders in exile about their childhoods during the Cultural Revolution, their activism and personal experiences of June 4.

5. "Prison Memoir" by Wang Dan

Chinese dissident Wang Dan's memoir of his years in prison from 1989 to 1993 for his actions as a student leader in the Tiananmen Square protests.

6. "The Power of Tiananmen" by Dingxin Zhao

In this book published a dozen years after the crackdown, Chinese sociologist Dingxin Zhao compiled interviews with Tiananmen protesters and chronicled how relations between the state and society changed in 1980s China.

7. "The Factual Account of a Search for the June 4 Victims" by Ding Zilin

After her son was killed during the government's crackdown on protesters, Ding Zilin co-founded the group Tiananmen Mothers that lobbied the government to reinvestigate the events of June 4 and publicly release the number and names of deceased.

8. "People Will Not Forget" by the Hong Kong Journalists Association

When this group of more than 60 Hong Kong journalists published their account of covering the Tiananmen Square protests, it immediately sold out. The association is still operating today despite heightened scrutiny.

9. "The Bloody Clearing of Tiananmen Square" by Wu Renhua

In the aftermath of the crackdown, Tiananmen Square protester Wu Renhua fled China for the United States, where this became the first of his three books. Wu, who said in a 2018 interview that he had compiled a list of 3,000 soldiers who had participated in the crackdown on the student protest, later taught a course titled "June Fourth Incident Truth Study" at two universities in Taiwan.

S. Korean court holds agency liable for man's mishandled U.S. adoption

Decision could lead to more suits against the poorly regulated industry

BY BRYAN PIETSCH AND JINTAK HAN



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A South Korean court said Adam Crapser, left, is owed $75,000 in damages by an agency over his botched U.S. adoption.

SEOUL — When Shin Song-hyuk was 3 years old, he was sent from South Korea to adoptive parents in the United States, where he would ultimately become Adam Crapser.

That first couple relinquished him, and, after a journey through various foster homes, a second couple, Thomas and Dollar Crapser, adopted him. But they abused him and their other adopted children and were later convicted of criminal mistreatment and assault.

Despite all this, Crapser built a life for himself, opening a barbershop before deciding to become a stay-at-home father. But that life was turned upside down when he was deported to South Korea in 2016, after it was discovered that none of his adoptive parents had obtained U.S. citizenship for him. Run-ins with the law — including a burglary conviction after he broke into his parents' house to retrieve a Bible and rubber shoes brought from South Korea, and a conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm — made him eligible for deportation.

The lapse could be laid at the feet of many: either set of adoptive parents, U.S. laws, or, according to a South Korean court ruling this week, the adoption agency.

The Seoul Central District Court ordered Holt International Children's Services to pay Crapser about $75,000 in damages after he sued the agency and the South Korean government, alleging they were liable for his botched adoption.

The ruling is the first such judicial reprimand of a South Korean adoption agency, and was seen by many in the adoptee rights community as a powerful rebuke of the country's adoption industry, which critics allege has long been tainted by negligence and falsified records.

Specifics from the judgment were not immediately clear, although the court did not rule against the South Korean government, which Crapser alleged created the conditions that made a poorly regulated adoption industry possible. The Justice Ministry did not return a request for comment.

Holt, the South Korean adoption agency, said in a statement that it was "difficult to comment on the position of the agency at this time" because the full details of the ruling had not yet been made available. The agency was founded in 1956 by an evangelical couple, Harry and Bertha Holt, who adopted eight Korean children in the 1950s and are largely credited — by academics, proponents and critics — for starting the wave of international adoptions from South Korea and elsewhere.

Kim Sujung, one of Crapser's lawyers, said in a news conference after the ruling that it was "extremely regrettable that the courts found no liability in a government that has managed, led, planned and approved illegal overseas adoptions."

Hwang Joon-hyup, another lawyer representing Crapser, said that South Korea had "led the practice of foreign adoptions" by permitting adoption agencies to send children — scholars estimate the figure is nearly 200,000 — away from the country.

Speaking on a local radio program, he added that the government "was aware of the dangers overseas adoptees face when they fail to receive citizenship," and should have followed up to confirm the children were properly naturalized in their adoptive countries.

Hwang and Kim did not respond to requests for comment in time for publication. Crapser, who has spoken publicly about the challenges of living in South Korea after deportation — he did not speak Korean when he arrived in his 40s — is reportedly living in Mexico to be closer to his family. He could not be reached for comment.

Other adoptees have recently challenged the South Korean government and adoption agencies for alleged negligence in various international adoptions, ranging from sloppy record-keeping to the intentional swapping of babies and their identities.

"The ruling is very encouraging and significant for adoptees because it proves that an agency like Holt can be held responsible," said a representative for the Australia and United States Korean Rights Group, which is pushing for a probe of adoptions made through another South Korean adoption agency, in an emailed statement.

"An alarming pattern has emerged, leading us to believe that the issues we have uncovered were neither accidental nor individual incidents but rather part of a systemic process," the statement said.

Peter Moller, a Danish lawyer who was adopted through Holt and has found discrepancies in his records, said the ruling in Crapser's case "can be used for other adoption cases," potentially paving the way for additional lawsuits. He leads the Danish Korean Rights Group, which has submitted adoption cases to South Korea's Truth and Reconciliation Commission for review. The commission is investigating 372 adoptions to determine whether human rights violations were made; Crapser's is not among those cases.

"In the last six months, adoptees have learned more about the adoption methods from Holt and the other adoption agencies," Moller said in an email.

If it is found that parts of the ruling can be applied to other adoption cases, "Holt should prepare themselves for a cascade of lawsuits," he said.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Existing-home sale prices fall at the sharpest annual pace in over a decade

Months-long housing market slowdown finally shows up in dollars

BY JULIAN MARK

Existing-home sales in April saw their sharpest price decline in more than a decade, reflecting the first significant year-over-year decline in housing prices, which have remained stubbornly high even as the broader housing market has slowed because of higher borrowing costs.

Prices for previously owned homes fell by 1.7 percent in April, even sharper than the 1 percent price decline in March, according to data released Thursday by the National Association of Realtors, which said the median price for an existing home in April was $388,800. Prices fell across the board in all four regions in April compared to March as well as in comparison to the previous year.

Sales of existing homes fell by 3.4 percent in April from a month earlier, and dropped 23.2 percent from the previous year, according to the NAR.

"Home sales are bouncing back and forth but remain above recent cyclical lows," NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun said in a news release. "The combination of job gains, limited inventory and fluctuating mortgage rates over the last several months have created an environment of push-pull housing demand."

The housing market has been in a slowdown because of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes over the past year as it tried to tame inflation. Higher interest rates have sent the cost of mortgages skyrocketing. The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 6.35 percent, according to Freddie Mac's benchmark survey, while most homeowners who bought during the record-low interest rates have been holding on to their home loans.

At the end of 2022, most homeowners had mortgage rates below the current average. Sixty-two percent of mortgage holders had rates under 4 percent, while 82 percent had a rate below 5 percent, according to Redfin data.

Meanwhile, far fewer houses have been put up for sale, since it's so much pricier to buy a house thanks to both pricier mortgages and higher prices for houses, which haven't budged much. For months this has generally led to a slowdown in the number of houses sold, but the prices for homes hadn't notched down in a significant way. The April figures show that housing prices are also finally trending down.

They also show that houses might be getting snapped up quicker. In April, properties generally stayed on the market for 22 days, down from 29 days in March. That still far exceeds the 17 days homes remained on the market in April 2022, according to the NAR data.

"The key story is that, in terms of sales, we're close to a bottom," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "In terms of prices, there's still room to fall and affordability is still a problem, particularly given the high mortgage rates."

Faucher added that the Federal Reserve, which has raised interest rates at its fastest pace in years, will probably see the housing price drops as a promising sign that its efforts to control rising prices are paying off. And he said he also expects the falling home prices to lead to slower growth in the rental housing market.

"I think this certainly supports the idea that the Fed can take a pause in June and not raise the Fed funds rate, because they want to see how these effects work their way through the economy and in particular on inflation," he said.

Threat of ChatGPT cheating puts academia on high alert

A Texas professor accused everyone in his class of using AI and gave them all an incomplete grade. Some students were left fearing for their diplomas.

BY PRANSHU VERMA

Students at Texas A&M University at Commerce were in celebration mode this past weekend, as parents filed into the university's Field House to watch students donned in cap and gown walk the graduation stage.

But for pupils in Jared Mumm's animal science class, the fun was cut short when they received a heated email Monday afternoon saying that students were in danger of failing the class for using ChatGPT to cheat. "The final grade for the course is due today at 5 p.m.," the instructor warned, according to a copy of the note obtained by The Washington Post. "I will be giving everyone in this course an 'X,'" indicating incomplete.

Mumm, an instructor at the university's agricultural college, said he'd copied the student essays into ChatGPT and asked the software to detect if the artificial intelligence-backed chatbot had written the assignments. Students flagged as cheating "received a 0."

He accompanied the email with personal notes in an online portal hosting grades. "I will not grade chat Gpt s***," he wrote on one student's assignment, according to a screenshot obtained by The Post. "I have to gauge what you are learning not a computer."



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The email caused a panic in the class, with some students fearful their diplomas were at risk. One senior, who had graduated over the weekend, said the accusation sent her into a frenzy. She gathered evidence to prove her innocence — she'd written her essays in Google Docs, which records timestamps — and presented it to Mumm at a meeting.

The student, who spoke to The Post under the condition of anonymity to discuss matters without fear of academic retribution, said she felt betrayed.

"We've been through a lot to get these degrees," she said in an interview with The Post. "The thought of my hard work not being acknowledged, and my character being questioned. ... It just really frustrated me." (Mumm did not return a request for comment.)

The rise of generative artificial intelligence, which underlies software that creates words, texts and images, is sparking a pivotal moment in education. Chatbots can craft essays, poems, computer code and songs that can seem human-made, making it difficult to ascertain who is behind any piece of content.

While ChatGPT cannot be used to detect AI-generated writing, a rush of technology companies are selling software they claim can analyze essays to detect such text. But accurate detection is very difficult, according to educational technology experts, forcing American educators into a pickle: adapt to the technology or make futile attempts to limit the ways it's used.

The responses range the gamut. The New York City Department of Education has banned ChatGPT in its schools, as has the University of Sciences Po, in Paris, citing concerns it may foster rampant plagiarism and undermine learning. Other professors openly encourage use of chatbots, comparing them to educational tools like a calculator, and argue teachers should adapt curriculums to the software.

Yet educational experts say the tensions erupting at Texas A&M lay bare a troubling reality: protocols on how and when to use chatbots in classwork are vague and unenforceable, with any effort to regulate use risking false accusations.

"Do you want to go to war with your students over AI tools?" said Ian Linkletter, who serves as emerging technology and open-education librarian at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. "Or do you want to give them clear guidance on what is and isn't okay, and teach them how to use the tools in an ethical manner?"

Michael Johnson, a spokesman for Texas A&M University at Commerce, said in a statement that no students failed Mumm's class or were barred from graduating. He added that "several students have been exonerated and their grades have been issued, while one student has come forward admitting his use of [ChatGPT] in the course."

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Michael Johnson,
a spokesman for Texas A&M University at Commerce, in a statement

He added that university officials are "developing policies to address the use or misuse of AI technology in the classroom."

In response to concerns in the classroom, a fleet of companies have released products claiming they can flag AI generated text. Plagiarism detection company Turnitin unveiled an AI-writing detector in April to subscribers. A Post examination showed it can wrongly flag human generated text as written by AI. In January, ChatGPT-maker OpenAI said it created a tool that can distinguish between human and AI-generated text, but noted that it "is not fully reliable" and incorrectly labels such text 9 percent of the time.

Detecting AI generated text is hard. The software searches lines of text and looks for sentences that are "too consistently average," Eric Wang, Turnitin's vice president of AI, told The Post in April.

Educational technology experts said use of this software may harm students — particularly nonnative English speakers or basic writers, whose writing style may more closely match what an AI generated tool might generate. Chatbots are trained on troves of text, working like an advanced version of auto-complete to predict the next word in a sentence — a practice often resulting in writing that is by definition eerily average.

But as ChatGPT use spreads, it's imperative that teachers begin to tackle the problem of false positives, said Linkletter.

He says AI detection will have a hard time keeping pace with the advances in large language models. For instance, Turnitin.com can flag AI text written by GPT-3.5, but not its successor model, GPT-4, he said. "Error detection is not a problem that can be solved," Linkletter added. "It's a challenge that will only grow increasingly more difficult."

But he noted that even if detection software gets better at detecting AI generated text, it still causes mental and emotional strain when a student is wrongly accused. "False positives carry real harm," he said. "At the scale of a course, or at the scale of the university, even a one or 2% rate of false positives will negatively impact dozens or hundreds of innocent students."

At Texas A&M, there is still confusion. Mumm offered students a chance to submit a new assignment by 5 p.m. Friday to not receive an incomplete for the class. "Several" students chose to do that, Johnson said, noting that their diplomas "are on hold until the assignment is complete."

Bruce Schneier, a public interest technologist and lecturer at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, said any attempts to crackdown on the use of AI chatbots in classrooms is misguided, and history proves that educators must adapt to technology. Schneier doesn't discourage the use of ChatGPT in his own classrooms.

"There are lots of years when the pocket calculator was used for all math ever, and you walked into a classroom and you weren't allowed to use it," he said. "It took probably a generational switch for us to realize that's unrealistic."

Educators must grapple with the concept of "what does it mean to test knowledge." In this new age, he said, it will be hard to get students to stop using AI to write first drafts of essays, and professors must tailor curriculums in favor of other assignments, such as projects or interactive work.

"Pedagogy is going to be different," he said. "And fighting [AI], I think it's a losing battle."

DIGEST

COURTS

Deutsche Bank agrees to settle Epstein case

Deutsche Bank has agreed to pay $75 million to settle a federal lawsuit brought by women who accused the financial institution of enabling their abuse at the hands of disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein, according to a statement from a lawyer representing the plaintiffs.

The settlement must still be approved by a judge. Epstein died in 2019 while awaiting trial for sex trafficking crimes in what medical examiners determined was a suicide.

Dylan Riddle, a Deutsche Bank spokesperson, declined to comment Thursday on the settlement but referred reporters to an earlier statement in which the bank acknowledged error in making Epstein a client.

The bank had more recently invested more than 4 billion euros in efforts to prevent financial crime, he added.

The Wall Street Journal, citing people familiar with the matter, reported Wednesday evening that the bank did not admit wrongdoing.

— Aaron Gregg, Jacob Bogage

AUTO SAFETY

GM, Ford recalling 1.1 million vehicles

General Motors and Ford announced recalls Thursday affecting more than 1.1 million vehicles in the United States.

GM is recalling more than 688,000 small SUVs because owners may not be able to hook child seats to the anchors. The recall covers certain 2020 to 2023 Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain SUVs. The automaker is asking owners to install child seats using the seat belts until repairs are made.

Ford, meanwhile, is recalling over 422,000 SUVs because the image from the rear camera may not be displayed. The recall covers certain Ford Explorers and Lincoln Aviators from the 2020 through 2023 model years, as well as 2020 through 2022 Lincoln Corsairs. All have 360-degree cameras. Some of the vehicles were recalled for the same problem earlier this year, but the remedy didn't work.

— Associated Press

UNEMPLOYMENT

Jobless claims fall after fraud-related jump

Applications for U.S. unemployment benefits fell by the most since 2021 after fraudulent claims in at least one state boosted the numbers in previous weeks.

Initial unemployment claims fell by 22,000 to 242,000 in the week that ended May 13, Labor Department data showed Thursday. On an unadjusted basis, claims decreased by the most in two months, to 215,810, largely due to a drop in Massachusetts.

Some economists have been wary about drawing strong conclusions from the data amid reports that fraudulent claims have been behind the recent upward trend in filings.

Massachusetts accounted for nearly half of the nationwide increase in unadjusted claims in the week through May 6, and state officials said it was mainly due to fraud. Kentucky has also found an increase in the number of "imposter" claims, according to its website.

— Bloomberg News

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Walmart beats expectations: The nation's largest retailer reported strong first-quarter sales results as its low prices continue to draw budget-conscious consumers in a challenging economic environment of stubbornly high inflation, particularly in groceries. The company beat Wall Street expectations Thursday and boosted its annual profit and sales outlook.

Generic drugmaker cutting back: Teva Pharmaceutical Industries plans to slow its manufacturing of generic drugs, citing low profitability, at a time when shortages are intensifying and makers of these medicines are struggling to stay in business. The Israel-based company is one of the world's largest makers of generic drugs, but has been contending with high debt as prices shrink across the board. Some 9 out of 10 prescriptions filled in the U.S. are for generic drugs. On a call with reporters Thursday, chief executive Richard Francis declined to specify which drugs would be dropped.

ChatGPT rolling out smartphone app: The free app, which could be good news for people who like to use the artificial intelligence chatbot and bad news for all the clone apps that have tried to profit off the technology, started to become available on iPhones in the United States on Thursday and will later be coming to Android phones. The company that makes it, OpenAI, said it will remain ad-free but it also "syncs your history across devices."

— From news services

Democrats acknowledge they lack votes for debt limit repeal

DEBT FROM A1

Time and again, Democrats have tried to repeal or rethink the debt ceiling — the legal maximum that the U.S. government may borrow to pay for spending it has already approved — and each time, they've encountered steep resistance. Even President Biden previously has rejected the idea, telling reporters last year it would be "irresponsible" to eliminate the cap fully.

In the aftermath of the 2022 election, some Democrats eyed another approach: They tried to use their control of Congress at the time to raise the cap high enough that the debate would not come up once the GOP assumed control of the House in January. But Democrats could not find the time and support to act, opening the door for Republicans now to use the debate as an avenue to push for massive spending cuts.

The all-too-familiar battle has inspired some Democrats to push anew for a repeal. Even as they acknowledge they don't have the votes, they agree it's time for Congress to learn a lesson that has eluded it for decades.

"Any time the debt ceiling issue arises ... there will be a lot of attention and a lot of talk about it. People will say, 'Yes, we need to reform it,'" said Rep. Brendan Boyle of Pennsylvania, the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "But the moment the debt ceiling is raised ... people immediately forget it and move on to the next big thing."

"That is a mistake," Boyle continued, "and we have to resist that instinct this time."

For now, Democrats and Republicans are racing to resolve a political emergency. Two tense meetings of Biden, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and other congressional leaders have concluded only with a promise to keep talking — and an announcement Tuesday that they had appointed new emissaries to devise a compromise. The government already has reached the current debt limit of about $31.4 trillion, but it has relied on special, temporary accounting maneuvers to delay the need to borrow more.



JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) speaks with reporters Tuesday after meeting with President Biden and other congressional leaders about the debt ceiling. On Thursday, he said he hoped to have a vote next week in the House on an agreement.

On Thursday, McCarthy told reporters that negotiations were proceeding and that he hoped to have a vote next week in the House on an agreement. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said the Senate would leave town for a planned recess but stood ready to return on short notice to take up legislation.

Later in the afternoon, though, the far-right House Freedom Caucus declared that "there should be no further discussion" until the Senate passes the bill the House passed last month that would raise the debt ceiling and sharply cut spending.

For weeks, McCarthy has held firm in trying to leverage the debt ceiling to advance the GOP's agenda, including new work requirements for the recipients of Medicaid, food stamps and other federal aid programs. Biden, however, has swiped at Republicans for taking the country's credit "hostage," arguing that Congress should raise the debt ceiling without conditions or delay.

In the meantime, the clock has kept ticking, and the deadline — known in Washington as the "X-date" — could arrive as soon as June 1, according to the Treasury Department, which issued its latest urgent warning Monday. A failure to act could cause the first-ever federal default, a fiscal calamity that might unleash untold hardship — potentially shuttering key government programs, delaying Social Security checks, decimating the stock market, and leaving millions of Americans unexpectedly out of a job.

On Thursday morning, the Bipartisan Policy Center reported that the government on June 1 is due to send out $47 billion in Medicare payments, $12 billion in veterans' benefits and $10 billion in military pay and retirement, among other payments — all imperiled if the Treasury really does run out of cash and other options by then.

Yet any resolution to the current stalemate is likely to be short-lived.

Privately, White House officials have sought at least a two-year increase, which would extend borrowing until after the 2024 presidential election, according to two people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the sensitive talks. But the bill the House passed last month would lift the debt limit by $1.5 trillion, or until the end of next March, whichever arrives first. McCarthy has touted a tighter time frame as a political benefit for his party, offering conservatives an opportunity to seek a second round of spending cuts next spring, the two sources said.

The prospect of another debt ceiling debacle — even before the current one has concluded — has offered little comfort to Democrats in recent days. Some have tried, after all, to eliminate the threshold entirely, only to falter repeatedly in a Capitol that rarely acts unless it is confronted with the prospect of catastrophe.

Boyle, the Pennsylvania Democrat, formally embarked on his campaign to eliminate the debt ceiling in 2017, introducing legislation then with a single line of text: "Sections 3101 and 3101A of title 31, United States Code, are hereby repealed." That year, conservatives had balked at raising the borrowing cap in a rare split with President Donald Trump, who instead had to work out a deal with Democrats to stave off a default. (This month, Trump reversed course, saying Republicans should "do a default" to advance their agenda since he is no longer president. He previously expressed an openness to ending the debt ceiling, too.)

The repeal put forward by Schatz — supported by other Senate Democrats, and led by Rep. Bill Foster (D-Ill.) in the House — aims to accomplish essentially the same goal. Party lawmakers first introduced the bill under Trump and continued proposing versions of it under Biden, when Republicans in 2021 repeatedly blocked debt ceiling increases until they could attempt to unwind Biden's economic agenda.

Other recent efforts have tried to address the debt ceiling as part of a broader overhaul of the budget process. A 2019 bill from Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), which at the time had bipartisan support, also would have paved the way for new deficit reduction tied to an increase in federal borrowing. Two years later, Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-Tex.), now the chairman of the House Budget Committee, cosponsored a plan with Rep. Scott Peters (D-Calif.) to rethink the way the debt ceiling is raised.

But where such bills differed in language or scope, they still all shared the same political fate: They never went anywhere.

"Nobody really paid a lot of attention to it, to be honest with you," said Rep. Richard E. Neal of Massachusetts, the top Democrat on the tax-focused House Ways and Means Committee. He said the "demagoguery" of past fights "quickly fell by the wayside, and people forgot about it. And then all of a sudden it became a tool of almost extortion."

> *"If we get through this and avoid default, and there is not a permanent fix to the debt ceiling ... we can't just carry on like normal. We will be right back in this same situation again."*
> **Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-Pa.)**

The United States is one of only two modern democracies that still mandate an absolute debt ceiling. The other is Denmark, which has set its borrowing cap so high that it cannot really breach it, sparing it from perennial crises.

Paradoxically, though, the United States created the World War I-era system as a way of making it "easier, not harder," for the government to borrow money, according to Maya MacGuineas, the president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. The cap spared the Treasury Department from having to obtain congressional permission every time it issued bonds or otherwise borrowed, so long as policymakers stayed below the limit.

More recently, the limit has functioned like a forcing mechanism, as "one of the only fiscal speed bumps that exist" to push the country's spending to the political foreground, added MacGuineas, whose organization advocates for deficit reduction. She called this week for rethinking the threshold, rather than repealing it, as a way of nudging Congress to analyze more regularly and systematically the tax dollars it spends and receives.

At a news conference Wednesday, dozens of House and Senate Republicans mounted a defense of their latest brinkmanship, as McCarthy said lawmakers should not raise the limit until they could reassess the government's fiscal condition. He repeatedly chided Democrats for taking too long before they "backed off the insane, unrational, unsensible idea that you just raise the debt ceiling."

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) has seen plenty of these showdowns over more than two decades in Congress, prompting him to join Schatz and other Democrats on legislation that would repeal the limit outright. Asked why such a bill had never passed, he described it as "simple political math," adding in an interview this week: "We don't have enough votes to get rid of the debt ceiling requirement. If we did, we would have defused this economic weapon a while ago."

It was fairly early in Van Hollen's career — as a member of the Democratic minority in the House in 2011 — that Republicans took the nation closest to the fiscal brink. The GOP's ascendant conservative wing, known then as the tea party, seized on the debt ceiling to demand stark spending cuts from President Barack Obama, touching off a stalemate that rattled the stock market and prompted a costly downgrade in U.S. credit.

This year, Van Hollen said he would "believe it when I see it" on lawmakers' ability to reach a deal that averts a default. And he exuded a similar sense of skepticism that Congress would pivot later to preventing another fiscal crisis.

"Hopefully, we don't have to experience a disaster in order for people to defuse this political weapon," he said.

Politically, Democrats have acknowledged such a vote would be hard, even for their own members. It could open the door for campaign-season attacks claiming they raised the national debt — even though the borrowing cap covers spending that the two parties have previously approved.

"I get a lot of quiet 'attaboys,'" said Schatz, acknowledging the same political considerations. "A lot of people want this to happen but are worried about how it would look, or how difficult it would be to explain. I give the American people a lot more credit than that."

Not even Biden has expressed much favor in repealing the debt ceiling, putting him at odds last year with his own Treasury Department. At the time, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen had been pleading with lawmakers to take more permanent action, a message she delivered yet again this week as talks in Washington lumbered along.

"Personally, I think we should find a different system for deciding on fiscal policy," she told reporters in Japan.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

As the United States once again brushes uncomfortably close to the deadline, some Democrats have echoed those calls for a more lasting solution. At a private dinner last week for House Democrats, Boyle said he delivered his latest "passionate plea," urging lawmakers to fix this problem once and for all.

"If we get through this and avoid default, and there is not a permanent fix to the debt ceiling ... we can't just carry on like normal," the congressman said, before offering an ominous note about the fight to come. "We will be right back in this same situation again."

AT&T is the latest big firm mandating that workers come back to the office

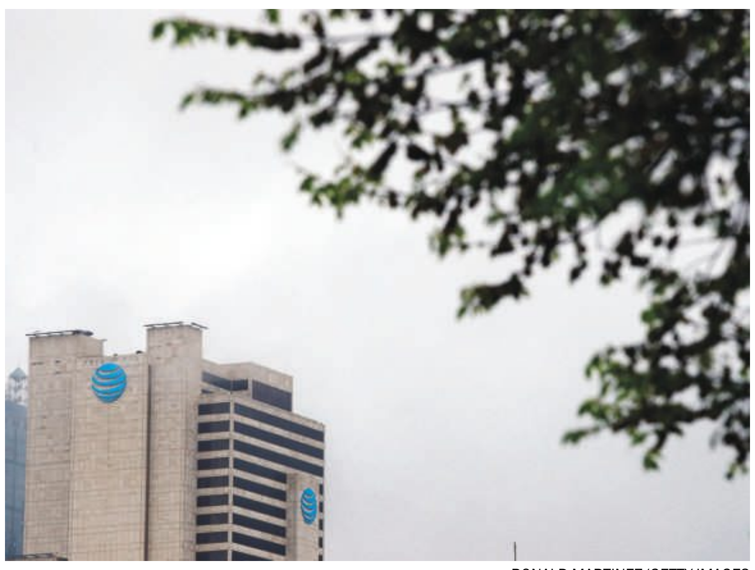
As company also cuts its office footprint, some will have to relocate

BY TAYLOR TELFORD

AT&T, the country's largest telecommunications company, is slashing its office footprint and asking more than 60,000 managers to return to offices at least three days a week starting in July, a decision that reflects the corporate world's ongoing push to reestablish the office as the center of work.

The move, first reported by Bloomberg News, comes as return-to-office rates are stalling across the country. Office occupancy has plateaued at 50 percent of pre-pandemic levels after peaking in early 2023, according to data from Kastle Systems, even as corporations such as Starbucks, Amazon and the Walt Disney Co. have mandated that workers spend more time in the office.

As AT&T, which currently has operations in every U.S. state, consolidates into nine core offices, with two hubs in Atlanta and Dallas, the return-to-office mandate means that some workers will need to relocate to keep their jobs.



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AT&T is asking more than 60,000 managers to return at least three days a week in July. Above, the firm's Dallas headquarters.

The push to bring workers back to offices has been unfolding since 2021, and many knowledge workers have already made the transition. As the labor market cools and layoffs have risen, another wave of leaders are using their leverage to get workers back in the same place, even as employees signal that they're keen on keeping the flexibility that became common during the pandemic.

The company declined to discuss the decision with The Washington Post. AT&T chief executive John Stankey said Tuesday in an interview with Bloomberg Radio that 85 percent of the company's corporate employees already live within commuting distance of one of these locations. For the remaining 15 percent, "if they want to be a part of building a great culture and environment, they'll come along on these adjustments and changes," Stankey said. "Others may decide, given the station of life they are in, that they want to move in a different direction."

AT&T has "generous" relocation services, Stankey told Bloomberg, a benefit that has been on the rise as companies seek to bring workers back to offices more frequently. But employee willingness to move for a job is minimal, according to data from Challenger, Gray & Christmas. The firm has been surveying workers on relocation since 1986. In the first quarter of 2023, just 1.6 percent of workers said they had moved for a new job, the lowest rate the survey has ever found.

The number of employees willing to relocate has been trending down for years, but the bottoming-out is "clearly a sign that employees do have options on remote work, or at least hybrid work, that doesn't require them to relocate right now," said Andy Challenger, senior vice president of Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

Return-to-office mandates are usually accompanied by declarations from executives about the need to be together for collaboration and a strong company culture. But mandates don't necessarily achieve these effects on their own, according to Cali Williams Yost, a flexible-work strategist.

"It actually doesn't solve the fundamental, underlying problem, which is, how do we plan the in-person interactions that actually have meaningful impact on the business and people?" Yost said. "Just defining the days you need to come into the office does not do that."

Managers have been among workers most affected by return-to-office policies, with some corporate giants such as JPMorgan Chase recently asking managers to come into offices five days a week.

"Our leaders play a critical role in reinforcing our culture and running our businesses," the bank's operating committee wrote in an April memo announcing the decision, according to Reuters. "They have to be visible on the floor, they must meet with clients, they need to teach and advise, and they should always be accessible for immediate feedback and impromptu meetings."

When it comes to returning to the office, leaders tend to cite the same advantages, including more opportunities for innovation and collaboration, stronger company culture and a benefit to downtown areas, which have been struggling to rebound from pandemic shifts. There's also the impact to careers, with some executives, such as IBM CEO Arvind Krishna, telling employees that working remotely could limit their opportunities for advancement.

Some things must "be done sitting side by side," Stankey told Bloomberg. "When we started to ask ourselves what kind of work we need to do, and how people needed to work with one another, the management team, the leadership, sat down and said, 'This is what we think needs to happen.'"

The return-to-office mandate will take effect at the hubs in July and apply to other offices — including Los Angeles, Seattle, St. Louis and San Ramon, Calif. — by Sept. 4.

Companies have faced logistical challenges in shifting back to offices. Some, such as Amazon, brought workers back even as buildings were months away from being fully equipped to handle the influx of employees, according to reporting from Insider.

Mandates to return to offices have been met with frustration from employees who feel they have benefited from pandemic-era flexibility. Workers at companies such as Disney and Apple organized petitions pushing back on requests to return to offices, arguing that doing so would impinge on their productivity, mental health and work-life balance.

Currently, hybrid work is reigning as the dominant model for knowledge workers as companies navigate post-pandemic work norms, with more than 52 percent of remote-capable workers operating under hybrid schedules as of February, according to Gallup's hybrid-work indicator.

University of Idaho cuts deal for University of Phoenix

State school to set up nonprofit, place currently for-profit giant in its fold

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL

The University of Idaho will create a nonprofit to acquire the University of Phoenix, one of the nation's largest for-profit colleges, in a $550 million deal unanimously approved by state education officials Thursday.

The move comes weeks after a similar deal between Phoenix and the University of Arkansas System fell apart.

Under the deal, which still needs the blessing of the colleges' accreditors and the federal Education Department, the universities of Idaho and Phoenix would initially operate as separate entities. But Phoenix could eventually be folded into the Idaho system, university officials said.

Torrey Lawrence, provost and executive vice president at the University of Idaho, said the affiliation would give the state university access to a robust technological infrastructure and online academic programs, such as nursing and counseling, not currently offered at the school. The public research university in Moscow, Idaho, has 11,507 students.

"This is an opportunity for us to learn from each other," Lawrence said in an interview. "The combination gives us a chance to collaborate in a way that is quite unique."

The deal also could raise money for the university. The planned nonprofit will issue municipal bond debt to finance the purchase, which the University of Idaho anticipates will yield at least $10 million in annual revenue.

"The affiliation will diversify our revenue streams to provide greater economic stability for delivery of educational opportunities," University of Idaho President Scott Green said during Thursday's meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education, which serves as the governing body of the university.

The deal emerges from the ashes of Phoenix's failed proposed union with the University of Arkansas System. Board members, faculty, staff and other stakeholders were deeply divided over the arrangement. While some welcomed the opportunity for the University of Arkansas to generate more revenue, others feared Phoenix carried too much legal baggage that could imperil the reputation of the Arkansas system.

University leadership in Arkansas insisted that Phoenix, with its brand power and online courses that enroll about 80,000 students, was far more of an asset than a liability.

"We are not surprised that another university also saw the value in pursuing an affiliation with the University of Phoenix," said Nathan Hinkel, a spokesman for the University of Arkansas System.

On Thursday, Green told the state education board the deal would help the University of Idaho achieve goals it set in 2017, such as expanding online offerings for working adults and establishing a statewide digital delivery solution. He stressed that the higher education landscape is changing and that it is imperative that universities seek innovative ways to meet students' needs.

Idaho has been in talks with Phoenix since March, but discussions accelerated after the Arkansas board vote against a deal last month, according to John Woods, chief academic officer and provost for the University of Phoenix. He said Phoenix has had conversations with roughly a dozen schools over the years and Idaho was "really a good fit" because of the dedication to first-generation college students and innovation.

If the deal with Idaho goes through, Phoenix would gradually shed its for-profit status and break free from federal regulations that target such schools. The Education Department, which must sign off on the deal, has been wary of for-profit colleges masquerading as nonprofits to avoid regulations while still reaping the financial benefits of operating as for-profit institutions. As a result, it has imposed a litany of conditions to approve similar deals in recent years.

In a Q&A on its website about the deal, the University of Idaho said Apollo Global Management, the parent company of Phoenix, will have no role in the school once the deal is complete. Apollo Global will give the newly minted nonprofit full control of the university and provide $200 million in cash as working capital. Idaho will be the sole member of the nonprofit and the state board of education will appoint trustees.

"While this transaction is more than just a financial decision, we cannot gloss over the fact that moving from a for-profit to not-for-profit will enable operational successes to be reinvested in students and institutions without factoring returns to investors," Green told the Idaho education board.

There are risks with the arrangement. If the nonprofit misses payments on debt related to the acquisition, the University of Idaho will guarantee up to $10 million a year to cover the obligation, according to the university's Q&A. Idaho, however, assured that Phoenix currently generates roughly $100 million of unrestricted cash flow. University leaders nonetheless anticipate that Idaho could see a minor downgrade of its credit rating because of the transaction.

Phoenix comes with other potential liabilities. Thousands of its former students have filed requests with the Education Department to have their student loans discharged over allegations the university defrauded them. The department can recoup money from Phoenix for approved claims, though it has not taken action to date. If that changes, Idaho would be liable. Green said Idaho is negotiating insurance that could cover such liabilities.

Accusations of deceitful advertising and recruiting have dogged Phoenix for decades, culminating in regulatory actions taken by the Department of Defense and the Federal Trade Commission. Phoenix has denied all wrongdoing and noted that many of the probes into its business practices have been dismissed.

"We're aware of the concerns and we've carefully looked at them," Lawrence said. "Some of these problems are from quite long ago when the university was under very different leadership. We're very confident about the University of Phoenix leadership team and what they've done … to improve the institution."

Lawrence said the university has engaged the faculty senate about the proposed deal and received a lot of good feedback and support. The senate declined to comment.

During the board meeting, members said they received letters from faculty questioning why they had learned about the acquisition only a day before the board vote and whether Phoenix posed too much reputational risk to Idaho. Some also questioned the quality of the education at Phoenix, which according to the Education Department's College Scorecard has a graduation rate of 27 percent. By comparison, the University of Idaho's graduation rate stands at 60 percent.

Della Justice, vice president of legal affairs at Veterans Education Success, an advocacy group that spoke out against the Arkansas-Phoenix deal, said she was dismayed with the Idaho board's decision. "We are disappointed that the Idaho State Board of Education rushed into this decision and seemed to show little regard for the students who attend the University of Phoenix," Justice said. "The board did not demand to see job placement rates or earnings, and discounted the University of Phoenix's low graduation rate."



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The $550 million deal approved Thursday in Idaho still needs the blessing of the colleges' creditors and the U.S. Department of Education.

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Supreme Court rules for Big Tech on terror-related content

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sive, harmful or violent content posted by their users, regardless of whether companies incentivize or promote those posts. The statute has emerged as a lightning rod in the politically polarized debate over the future of online speech.

Tech companies and their surrogates celebrated the ruling, which followed extensive lobbying and advocacy campaigns to defend Section 230 in Washington.

Changes to the law, they said, could open a floodgate of litigation that would quash innovation and have wide-ranging effects on the technology that underlies almost every interaction people have online, from innocuous song suggestions on Spotify to prompts to watch videos about conspiracy theories on YouTube.

The claim against Google specifically focused on whether Section 230 protects recommendation algorithms. The family of Nohemi Gonzalez argued Google-owned YouTube was responsible for the 23-year-old exchange student's death in Paris at the hands of ISIS gunmen because the tech platform acted as a recruiting platform for the terrorist group.

"Countless companies, scholars, content creators and civil society organizations who joined with us in this case will be reassured by this result," Google general counsel Halimah DeLaine Prado said in a statement. "We'll continue our work to safeguard free expression online, combat harmful content, and support businesses and creators who benefit from the internet."

In the *Twitter v. Taamneh* case, American relatives of Nawras Alassaf said the company failed to properly police its platform for Islamic State-related accounts in advance of a Jan. 1, 2017, attack at the Reina nightclub in Turkey that killed Alassaf and 38 others.

The relatives in both the *Taamneh* and *Gonzalez* cases based their lawsuits on the Anti-Terrorism Act, which imposes civil liability for assisting a terrorist attack. At issue was whether the company provided substantial assistance to the terrorist group.

But Thomas, writing in the Twitter case, said the link was too attenuated.

"As alleged by plaintiffs, defendants designed virtual platforms and knowingly failed to do 'enough' to remove ISIS-affiliated users and ISIS related content — out of hundreds of millions of users worldwide and an immense ocean of content —



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Attorney Eric Schnapper gestures toward Beatriz and Jose Gonzalez, the parents of 23-year-old Nohemi Gonzalez, a student killed in the 2015 Paris terrorist attacks. The family wants to sue Google for YouTube videos they said helped attract and radicalize ISIS recruits.

from their platforms," he wrote. "Yet, plaintiffs have failed to allege that defendants intentionally provided any substantial aid to the Reina attack or otherwise consciously participated in the Reina attack — much less that defendants so pervasively and systemically assisted ISIS as to render them liable for every ISIS attack."

Thomas also made clear that algorithms to direct those looking for ISIS content are not evidence of complicity by the media companies.

"As presented here, the algorithms appear agnostic as to the nature of the content, matching any content (including ISIS' content) with any user who is more likely to view that content," Thomas wrote. "The fact that these algorithms matched some ISIS content with some users thus does not convert defendants' passive assistance into active abetting."

The Supreme Court's action reversed a federal appeals court decision that had let the *Taamneh* suit go forward. A lawyer for the Gonzalez family said they would consider a suggestion in the opinion that the lawsuit could be amended to try to comply with the ruling.

Section 230 has been denounced by politicians from both parties. Lawmakers in Congress have spent years debating whether the 1996 law needs to be updated to address their fears about social media. But most bills that would make comprehensive changes have languished amid partisan divisions.

Democrats, wary of the ways social media has been weaponized to spread falsehoods about elections and public health, want to change the provision to ensure that tech companies have more responsibility for harmful and offensive content on their websites. Republicans are concerned that Section 230 protects companies from lawsuits over decisions to remove content or suspend accounts, especially since the companies took the historic step of suspending President Donald Trump and individuals involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, attacks on the U.S. Capitol. (Meta, YouTube and Twitter have reinstated the former president's account in recent months.)

It was clear at oral arguments that the justices were reluctant to make significant changes to the law. "We're a court," Justice Elena Kagan said at the time, adding that she and her colleagues "are not like the nine greatest experts on the internet."

Free speech advocates argued that if the court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, social media companies would have to suppress constitutionally protected speech, adopting blunt content moderation tools that would restrict discussion about critical topics. They pointed to mistakes tech companies already make in enforcing existing rules, citing a 2021 incident where Instagram mistakenly removed content about a mosque because its systems confused that content with a designation the company uses for terrorist organizations.

"With this decision, free speech online lives to fight another day," Patrick Toomey, deputy director of ACLU's National Security Project, said in a statement.

The court's decision not to confront Section 230 may increase pressure on elected officials to update the law.

"The battle will now pass to the Congress … which can no longer hide on the sidelines," said Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, a lawyer for the Gonzalez family. She called on lawmakers to "amend this antiquated statute."

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.) agreed that the rulings put the onus back on legislators.

"One reason [justices declined to take it up] might be that they want the Congress to do our job," he said. "It's a complex issue, and I hope we take them up on it."

Both Trump and President Biden have criticized Section 230, at times calling for it to be revoked. Momentum to change the law increased after the Jan. 6 attack, when newly empowered Democrats in the Biden administration and Congress promised to revise the legislation. But despite a flurry of congressional hearings and bills, Section 230 has remained unchanged since 2018, when Trump signed a law that allowed victims and state attorneys general to sue websites that host sex-trafficking ads.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), who co-wrote Section 230 as a member of the House nearly three decades ago and filed a brief in its defense with the Supreme Court, said he appreciated the "thoughtful rulings that even without Section 230, the plaintiffs would not have won their lawsuits."

"Despite being unfairly maligned by political and corporate interests that have turned it into a punching bag for everything wrong with the internet, the law … remains vitally important to allowing users to speak online," Wyden said in a statement.

Tech industry-funded groups also praised the decisions. Chamber of Progress, which receives funding from Meta, Google and other companies and filed a brief supporting Google in the Gonzalez case, called the ruling in that case an "unambiguous victory for online speech and content moderation."

"While the Court might once have had an appetite for reinterpreting decades of Internet law, it was clear from oral arguments that changing Section 230's interpretation would create more issues than it would solve," Jess Miers, a lawyer for the group, said in a statement.

Even some legal experts who submitted briefs in support of the Gonzalez family said they were pleased with the Supreme Court's opinion.

Mary Anne Franks, the president of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, had called for the court to more narrowly interpret Section 230, saying lower courts had wrongly concluded it should provide "unconditional immunity from liability no matter how passive [tech companies] remain in the face of even easily preventable and clearly foreseeable harm."

Thursday's Twitter opinion, she said, shows that such litigation can be decided in the regular course of the law, taking "the wind out of the sails" of industry arguments that companies need a dedicated shield to protect them from "bad" lawsuits.

Coalition for a Safer Web, a nonprofit group that advocates for policies to remove extreme content from social media and supported the Gonzalez counsel in the case, said the decision "rewards Big Tech for bad conduct." The group expressed skepticism that Congress would change Section 230, noting that major tech companies spend millions of dollars a year on lobbying.

"Champagne corks are popping off today in Silicon Valley," the nonprofit said in a news release.

The cases are *Twitter v. Taamneh* and *Gonzalez v. Google.*

Cristiano Lima in Washington and Gerrit De Vynck in San Francisco contributed to this report.

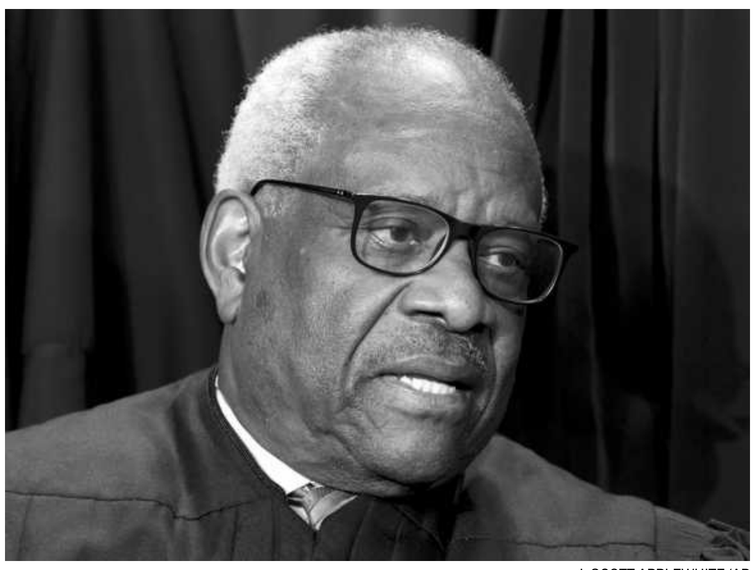
Court sides with companies in cases involving terrorist content posted online

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imous opinion. "We disagree."

The two cases were *Twitter v. Taamneh* and *Gonzalez v. Google*. In both, the families of victims of ISIS terrorist attacks sued the tech giants for their role in distributing and profiting from ISIS content. The plaintiffs argued that the algorithms that recommend content on Twitter, Facebook and Google's YouTube aided and abetted the group by actively promoting its content to users.

Many observers anticipated the case would allow the court to pass judgment on Section 230, the portion of the Communications Decency Act passed in 1996 to protect online service providers like CompuServe, Prodigy and AOL from being sued as publishers when they host or moderate information posted by their users. The goal was to shield the fledgling consumer internet from being sued to death before it could spread its wings. Underlying the law was a concern that holding online forums responsible for policing what people could say



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Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has expressed interest in revisiting Section 230, part of a 1996 communications law.

would have a chilling effect on the internet's potential to become a bastion of free speech.

But in the end, the court didn't even address Section 230. It decided it didn't need to, once it concluded the social media companies hadn't violated U.S. law by automatically recommending or monetizing terrorist groups' tweets or videos.

As social media has become a primary source of news, information and opinion for billions of people around the world, lawmakers have increasingly worried that online platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and TikTok are spreading lies, hate and propaganda at a scale and speed that are corrosive to democracy. Today's social media platforms have become more than just neutral conduits for speech, like telephone systems or the U.S. Postal Service, critics argue. With their viral trends, personalized feeds and convoluted rules for what people can and can't say, they now actively shape online communication.

The court ruled, however, that those decisions are not enough to find the platforms had aided and abetted ISIS in violation of U.S. law.

"To be sure, it might be that bad actors like ISIS are able to use platforms like defendants' for illegal — and sometimes terrible — ends," Thomas wrote. "But the same could be said of cell phones, email, or the internet generally. Yet, we generally do not think that internet or cell service providers incur culpability merely for providing their services to the public writ large."

Thomas in particular has expressed interest in revisiting Section 230, which he sees as giving tech companies too much leeway to suppress or take down speech they deem to violate their rules. But his apparent dislike of online content moderation is also consistent with the latest opinion, which will reassure social media companies that they won't necessarily face legal consequences for being too permissive on harmful speech, at least when it comes to terrorist propaganda.

The rulings leave open the possibility that social media companies could be found liable for their recommendations in other cases, and perhaps under different laws. In a brief concurrence, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson took care to point out that the rulings are narrow. "Other cases presenting different allegations and different records may lead to different conclusions," she wrote.

But there was no dissent to Thomas's view that an algorithm's recommendation wasn't enough to hold a company liable for a terrorist attack.

Daphne Keller, director of platform regulation at the Stanford Cyber Policy Center, advised against drawing sweeping conclusions from them. "Gonzalez and Taamneh were *extremely weak* cases for the plaintiffs," she wrote in a tweet. "They do not demonstrate that platform immunities are limitless. They demonstrate that these cases fell within some pretty obvious, common sense limits."

Yet the wording of Thomas's opinion is cause for concern to those who would like to see platforms held liable in other sorts of cases, such as the Pennsylvania mother suing TikTok after her 10-year-old died attempting a viral "blackout challenge." His comparison of social media platforms to cellphones and email suggests an inclination to view them as passive hosts of information even when they recommend it to users.

"If there were people pushing on that door, this pretty firmly kept it closed," said Evelyn Douek, an assistant professor at Stanford Law School.

Disney nixes big Florida project, a fresh blow amid feud with DeSantis

BY AARON GREGG

Disney has scuttled a Florida office construction project that would have been worth nearly $1 billion amid an ongoing feud with Gov. Ron DeSantis (R).

The Lake Nona Town Center project was expected to bring about 2,000 jobs to Orange County, Fla., enabled by a state tax credit. But Disney is now telling California-based staffers they will no longer have to relocate.

"Given the considerable changes that have occurred since the announcement of this project, including new leadership and changing business conditions, we have decided not to move forward with construction of the campus," Josh D'Amaro, Disney's theme park and consumer products chairman, wrote to employees in an email that was obtained by The Washington Post.

News of the decision was further confirmed by a state lawmaker who had been briefed on the company's plans. Disney's latest move is "unfortunate," said state Sen. Linda Stewart (D) from Orange County, which includes part of the special district for Walt Disney World. "I think they've had to make [the decision] due to the business climate and the economic factors."

A Disney World communications representative did not respond to a request for comment Thursday. A spokesman for DeSantis downplayed Wednesday's news, which was first reported by the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.

"Given the company's financial straits, falling market cap and declining stock price, it is unsurprising that they would restructure their business operations and cancel unsuccessful ventures," DeSantis spokesman Jeremy Redfern said.

Disney in its most recently completed quarter reported revenue of $21.8 billion, up 13 percent year-over-year. While the company's streaming services lost subscribers, the division that includes Walt Disney World and other theme parks saw particularly strong growth of 17 percent.

The decision to nix the development is the latest move in a long-running struggle between the Walt Disney Co. and DeSantis that started when company executives spoke out against Republican-sponsored legislation that prohibited discussion of homosexuality and gender issues in public schools. The disagreement snowballed, with DeSantis threatening a litany of actions against Disney, such as building a prison near the theme park.

The crisis reached its peak when DeSantis worked with the legislature to reconstitute Disney World's governing district, packing its oversight board with conservative allies. Disney sued DeSantis in federal court, alleging violations of its right to free speech. DeSantis's handpicked board countersued in state court.

Against that backdrop, Disney chief executive Bob Iger has called DeSantis "anti-business" and touted the company's sizable economic investment in the state. In a recent call with investors, Iger hinted that corporate investments in Florida might be in jeopardy.

The Lake Nona development was valued at nearly $1 billion, including construction work, and would have brought more than 2,000 jobs with an average annual salary of $120,000, according to estimates from a state agency.

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India has passed China in population. That's good news for America.

A historic event occurred at the end of April: According to estimates from the United Nations, India, with more than 1.4 billion people, surpassed China in population. Many news stories noted this shift but actually undersold its significance by cautiously claiming that China has had the world's largest population only for a few centuries. In fact, Jack Goldstone, a professor of public policy at George Mason University, tells me that evidence suggests China has been the world's most-populous polity throughout recorded history — with records dating back more than 2,000 years.

So to see India become the most populous state is an epochal shift. Though India's population advantage is slight at the moment, it will grow over time. According to U.N. projections, by 2050, India will have nearly 358 million more people than China. By 2100, it will have nearly double China's population, with 1.5 billion Indians to 766 million Chinese.

Demographics is not destiny, of course. But, at a minimum, this trend makes it less likely that the 21st century will be the "Chinese century," as so many have either hoped or feared. It probably won't be an Indian century, either, but India's potential to exercise global influence — and check China's power — has never been greater. That's good news for the United States.

From a geopolitical perspective, China's shrinking population might be more significant than India's growing population. Driven down in part by the now-rescinded one-child policy, China's fertility plummeted in 2021 to just 1.16 children per woman — far below replacement level. China had 850,000 fewer people in 2022 than in 2021, and its working-age population has been declining since 2012. By 2080, if current trends hold, "the number of seniors over 65 in China will surpass the working age population (15-64)," Goldstone writes in Noema magazine.

Other East Asian countries, such as South Korea and Japan, face similar demographic quandaries, but they are much wealthier on a per capita basis. China is growing old before it grows rich. "China's demography has set it on a course for disaster that will be difficult and perhaps impossible to avoid," Goldstone warns.

India faces its own problems with an aging population, but its fertility rate (2.0 children per woman) is still higher than China's and its populace is significantly younger. More than half of the Indian population is under 30 and the median age is just 28 — a decade younger than in China. "The issue for India," former U.S. ambassador to India Kenneth I. Juster told me, "is whether, with its young population and growth possibilities, it can convert the demographic dividend in its favor. Or will demographics become a problem for India because it won't be able to productively employ enough of its youth?"

For the most bullish pro-India case, see economic journalist Noah Smith's Substack post: "Here . . . comes . . . INDIA!!!" He argues that India's economic growth, while slower than China's, has been "truly spectacular," averaging roughly 7 percent a year for decades, compared with China's 10 percent growth per year. Last year, India overtook Britain as the world's fifth-largest economy and, this year, it is expected to be the fastest-growing in the world. By the end of the decade, India could become the world's third-largest economy — behind only the United States and China.

India's potential to exercise global influence — and check China's power — has never been greater.

Smith argues that, thanks to recent investments in infrastructure, "India has most of the raw ingredients necessary to industrialize." India should receive a major boost from Western firms eager to move supply chains out of China amid U.S.-China tensions. "In 2021," Smith notes, "only 1% of iPhones were made in India; two years later, it's approaching 7%, with a planned increase to 40-45%." Already more than 750 million Indians use the internet — more than twice the total U.S. population — and those numbers will only continue to grow. "When a country has 1.4 billion people, a booming economy, and an open society," Smith concludes, "there's really very little limit to its potential influence."

Not so fast, counters Sadanand Dhume of the American Enterprise Institute. During an interview with me (and in an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal), he points out that India faces major obstacles to realize its potential.

India's education system, Dhume notes, lags far behind China's. Only about three-quarters of Indians are literate, compared with nearly all Chinese. India does even worse at utilizing women in the workforce: At just 19 percent, its female labor-force participation rate is one of the lowest in the world — and far behind China's 61 percent. Manufacturing's share of India's economy actually declined between 2000 and 2021. Dhume writes: "Almost half of the Indian workforce makes subsistence livings on small family farms, compared with only about 25% of Chinese and 1% of Americans."

To his credit, Narendra Modi is the most pro-business prime minister India has ever had. He has been building infrastructure at a breakneck pace and trying to simplify the mind-boggling regulations known as the "license raj" that impede the private sector — and fuel corruption. But, as a Hindu nationalist, Modi has favored domestic firms ("national champions") and boosted tariffs as part of his "Make in India" campaign. That makes India less attractive as a destination for multinational companies that want to assemble high-tech goods with parts from all over the world.

Modi is also undermining Indian democracy — his party just expelled the opposition leader from Parliament — and turning India's 200 million Muslims into second-class citizens. No country can afford to sideline so much potential talent, especially given the discrimination already suffered by 200 million low-caste Hindus (the Dalits or "untouchables").

Since the George W. Bush administration, the United States has been wooing India as a potential ally. That policy has had some success, especially after clashes in 2020 and 2021 between Indian and Chinese troops along the Himalayan frontier. India has joined "The Quad," a loose security grouping that includes the United States, Japan and Australia, and Modi will arrive in Washington next month for a state visit.

But in a recent Foreign Affairs article, Ashley J. Tellis of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace cautions that, while India is eager for U.S. military aid, it will never take the United States' side in a war with China over Taiwan. Nor is India sanctioning its longtime weapons-supplier, Russia, for the invasion of Ukraine.

Tellis told me that "India's population 'achievement' suggests that it still remains the only Asian power with the natural capacity to balance China, if — and it is a big if — it can get its act together." But, he added, "although the U.S. should continue to partner with India to balance China in the Indo-Pacific, it will inevitably have to bear a disproportionate responsibility for successfully maintaining an Asian balance of power."

We shouldn't underestimate the difficulties of translating India's demographic dividend into economic and military power, nor should we overestimate India's inclination to side with the West. But Americans should cautiously celebrate the shifting demographics of Asia that put an illiberal rival — China — at a growing economic disadvantage while giving a vibrant, still-democratic India the opportunity to achieve greater levels of power and prosperity. (Give that country a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council!) As long as India continues to rise, China will have to look warily over its shoulder at its more populous neighbor. From the U.S. perspective, that can't be a bad thing.



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The destroyed Azovstal industrial complex in Mariupol, Ukraine, on March 10.

JOSH ROGIN

The survivors of Putin's atrocities have a warning for us

Those who argue that Russian President Vladimir Putin should be allowed to keep parts of Ukraine should meet the survivors of his atrocities. They know firsthand the horror of life under Russian occupation. Their stories remind us of what Ukraine is fighting for — and what the free world is standing against.

Anna Zaitseva was a 24-year-old schoolteacher in Mariupol when Russian forces attacked her city in the first days of the invasion in February 2022. She and her 3-month-old son took refuge in the Azovstal Iron and Steel Works plant, where her husband, Kirilo, worked. A former soldier, Kirilo left his family bunkered there and joined the local defense forces, known as the Azov Regiment. Zaitseva brought enough diapers and food to last a few days.

Zaitseva and her son were trapped inside the plant for 65 days, enduring constant Russian shelling. They emerged only to find their hometown destroyed — but their ordeal was just beginning. She and her baby were evacuated via a supposed "safe corridor" that was anything but safe. The Russians regularly attacked civilians who were trying to get out of the city. During Zaitseva's own evacuation, Russian forces bombed a building she was in and Ukrainian soldiers had to dig her out.

Zaitseva was then taken to a "filtration camp" run by the Russian army. There, she was strip-searched, forced to hand over all of her electronics — and told to leave her baby in her captors' care. (She refused.) She was interrogated about her husband, but she didn't know his whereabouts. Only through a YouTube video did she learn that Kirilo had been taken into captivity, on a stretcher, when the steel plant fell. The last time they spoke on the phone was 11 months ago.

"I don't even know if he's alive," she told me in an interview last week in Washington.

Now a refugee in Germany with her son and mother, she still shudders whenever she hears a helicopter. She has no idea when she will be able to return home, if ever. Meanwhile, she is traveling the world with a message: Don't abandon the Ukrainians living on the Russian side of the front lines.

"People in the West are tired of this topic, sure," she said. "But could you think about the people in captivity? Are they tired or not?"

Zaitseva came to Washington last week to attend the screening of the film "Slava Ukraini," the latest war documentary by French writer and philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy. The film follows Lévy as he tours the front lines in eastern Ukraine. His goal is to remind Western audiences of the stakes in the Russia-Ukraine war for the greater cause of freedom and human rights.

"Ukraine is a shield that protects all of Europe and the United States from Putin's barbaric actions," Zaitseva said. "Don't think that Ukraine is so far away — everything is connected in this world."

Lévy also brought to the screening Mykhailo Dianov, a fighter with the Azovstal Regiment who held the steel plant in Mariupol while under siege. After being shot four times on the battlefield, he was captured by Russian troops and taken to the notorious Olenivka prison. During his four-month imprisonment, he was tortured and sustained additional severe injuries.

Olenivka prison is where, last July, Russian soldiers reportedly blew up one of the prisoners' barracks, perhaps to hide the evidence of their torture and killing of Ukrainian prisoners of war, including many from Azovstal. Dianov said the Russians were trying to force Ukrainian soldiers to confess to Russia's own atrocities.

"They killed kids," he told me. "They were trying to put the blame on the Ukrainian soldiers for the crimes they already did."

Dianov's message is that Ukrainian forces need better weapons — and more of them — to fight back the invaders and reclaim their stolen land. This is the only way, he says, to end the war sooner. Both of these survivors rejected the Russian propaganda that paints the soldiers of Azovstal as Nazis.

"It's not true. The real fascists and Nazis are in Russia," Dianov said.

Their stories are tales of tragedy but also of perseverance. The bravery the people of Mariupol showed when besieged by tens of thousands of invading Russian troops will go down in history as previous sieges have been remembered in places such as Mount Masada, Troy or the Alamo, Lévy told me.

"Azovstal is a Masada in reverse — the fortress is not high above ground; it's in the depths of the earth, but it's the same spirit of resilience and courage," he said. "The Russians will pay a high and historic price for the destruction of Mariupol and for the acts of genocide committed there."

The least the United States and Europe can do is recognize the courage Ukrainians have shown by giving them the increased support they are begging for. This is crucial not only for saving innocent people already living under Putin's cruel rule but also for those he seeks to subjugate next.

What Americans keep getting wrong about poverty

BY MITCH DANIELS

"Facts are stubborn things." So, in 1770, said John Adams, who lived in an era of reason and respect for the findings and the truths to which they lead. Adams would have had difficulty comprehending an era in which some people assert straightfacedly that "facts" are mere variable products of social constructs or that multiplication tables are tools of oppression. Nonetheless, when assertions are grounded in empirical, measurable and replicable research, they still usually carry a credibility that sustains them against challenges from contentions lacking such support.

What our second president did not note, or at least anticipate, was that falsehoods can be just as stubborn, or more so, than the facts that refute them. In our day, falsehoods' level of obstinacy appears to be rising fast. Consider the example of election results, numerical tabulations that, though counted and recounted, verified and reverified, are still disbelieved by millions. The encouragement to reject established facts has done terrible damage to public unity — and nurtured the instinct to disbelieve other objectively demonstrated facts.

Just as powerfully refuted, yet every bit as immune to plain factual evidence, are various reflex responses in the catechism of today's political left. Aren't more than 12 percent of Americans living in poverty? Isn't income wildly unequal in the country and becoming more so? Aren't U.S. living standards lower and less equal than those in other developed countries?

The answers, every bit as documented as the last election's results, are no, no and no. The difference is that our political "narratives," and those shaping them, routinely label the election denials as false or even "lies," but ignorantly (I'm making the charitable assumption here) and uncritically parrot these nostrums, though they've been disproved continuously over many years.

The primary culprit is the Census Bureau and its truly astonishing refusal to take account of the billions of dollars the government takes in taxes (and borrows) from middle- and upper-income citizens and transfers to those at lower income levels.

The latest, and most comprehensive, demolition of these shibboleths comes from the doubly credible former senator Phil Gramm, who before public life was a professor of economics. From both careers, Gramm is vastly more knowledgeable and familiar with the facts about poverty and income distribution than most national legislators, let alone those who inform, and misinform, the public about those topics.

In "The Myth of American Inequality," Gramm and his two co-authors — Robert Ekelund and John Early, both deeply experienced economic scholars — assemble an overwhelming sledgehammer of facts to establish that we overstate true poverty by a factor of 5 or more. A corollary is that the "Gini coefficients" and other measures of inequality are grossly distorted in the official published numbers.

The primary culprit is the Census Bureau and its archaic and truly astonishing refusal to take account of the hundreds of billions of dollars the government takes in taxes (and borrows) from middle- and upper-income citizens and transfers to those at lower income levels. Other methodological distortions — such as the bureau's ignoring of fringe benefits and its overstatement of inflation, practices rejected by a broad consensus of statisticians — compound the inaccuracy.

The typical household in the census's bottom quintile spends twice as much as the income the bureau counts. These household members live in more space than middle-class Europeans, and own appliances unknown to the wealthy of a generation ago. A caring society makes this possible by transferring an average of more than $45,000 per year (2017 data) to each such household, lifting its true living standard to a level almost identical to that of the two quintiles above it.

As the authors summarize, "Government takes and redistributes enough resources to elevate the average bottom quintile household into the American middle class."

It has been said over the years that "we made war on poverty, and poverty won." No, it didn't, not if we mean, as most people do, material deprivation. What remains of that in the U.S. population, 2.5 percent by the authors' calculation, is surely a low in human history. If one means the poverty of spirit that can come with chronic dependency and the lack of active, productive purpose, we haven't won, but that's a different column.

We should keep debating the right means and right amounts of assistance to send from some Americans to others. But constantly misrepresenting and understating what we do for each other, and the results achieved, disrespect the taxpayers who fund this assistance, and foster misimpressions as societally poisonous as other political assertions now routinely labeled as untrue.

Our commitment to lift our fellow citizens out of poverty should be a matter of national pride. It cannot be if those whose professional responsibility is, or at least once was, the unearthing and sharing of objective truth, instead propagate its opposite.

Gramm and his co-authors' book begins with a maxim often attributed to Mark Twain, "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so." Today too many of us "know" things about our economic well-being that ain't so. Facts might still be stubborn, but unfortunately so are falsehoods.

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A Haitian National Police officer stands guard at the residence of Prime Minister Ariel Henry in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 29.

The West fiddles as Haiti unravels

Few seem to care as the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation descends into chaos.

NEARLY 30 years ago, while serving in the Senate, Joe Biden told an interviewer that "if Haiti just quietly sunk into the Caribbean, or rose up 300 feet, it wouldn't matter a whole lot in terms of our interests." Now, as president, Mr. Biden has crafted a policy — or lack of one — that reflects that indifference. He has done so even as Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country, is seized by its worst security, political and humanitarian crisis in decades, one the United Nations recently likened to war.

Haiti's ineffectual government has begged for international intervention. U.N. Secretary General António Guterres has issued repeated urgent appeals for a specialized armed force to stem the violence, restore some semblance of rule of law and establish conditions for holding elections, which are impossible amid the current anarchy. The international community's response has been a shrug.

Haiti is a failed state whose collapse, accelerated by its president's still-unsolved assassination almost two years ago, has generated tens of thousands of migrants desperate to reach the United States. In the absence of a functioning government, and in the face of a crumbling national police force whose members are gunned down in the streets, gangs have run riot over the capital city of Port-au-Prince and elsewhere.

The incidence of killings, rape and kidnapping has soared. Street violence is ubiquitous, and children are frequently among the victims. Sophisticated, high-caliber arms and ammunition, much of it smuggled from the United States, have fed the spiraling mayhem. The illegal drug trade has exploded. Recently, the vacuum in government authority has given rise to vigilante violence against suspected gang members, some of whom have been gunned down and burned to death in the street.

In a country that has long struggled to feed itself, the pandemonium's humanitarian fallout is cataclysmic. In a recent report, the U.N. characterized life in Haiti as a "daily, terrifying struggle for survival." Within the population of roughly 12 million, nearly 5 million people have difficulty feeding themselves and almost a third of Haitians live on less than $2.15 a day.

The Biden administration, seeking to impede Haitians who make their way to Mexico from crossing the U.S. border illegally, has established a so-called humanitarian parole program. Under its provisions, U.S. residents who meet certain criteria can apply to sponsor a Haitian immigrant to enter the country legally for a limited period. But the program has been plagued by misinformation and technical glitches. Many Haitians who have managed to use it are health professionals, whose exodus has contributed to the country's deterioration in public health.

Haiti's long and checkered history of international interventions has justifiably led skeptics inside the nation and elsewhere to be wary of a new effort by outsiders to bring order. U.S. Marines built infrastructure in Haiti during a roughly two-decade intervention early in the 20th century but also were guilty of appalling racism. In this century, U.N. peacekeepers tamped down political violence but also reportedly exploited and assaulted Haitian women and girls sexually. Other U.N. troops introduced cholera into the Haitian water system through poor sanitation at one of their bases; the result was an outbreak that killed some 10,000 people and sickened hundreds of thousands.

Notwithstanding those shameful experiences, there is no plausible escape from Haiti's meltdown in the absence of international intervention. A broad coalition of civil groups and political parties in Haiti has called for a new national unity government that would prepare the way for elections. But internal divisions among those groups, and the plain reality that there is no domestic force that can grapple with the street gangs, have produced political paralysis.

The likelihood of such political dysfunction was all too apparent in the aftermath of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse's assassination in July 2021. But the extent of Haiti's misery since then has exceeded even the grimmest predictions.

Both the Biden administration and the Canadian government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have refused calls to organize an armed intervention. France has similarly demurred, despite its own role in impoverishing Haiti, first through exploiting Haitian natural resources as a colonial master in the 18th century, then by imposing forced reparations that lasted over half a century. Nor has the Organization of American States shown the interest or capacity to arrange such an intervention.

The byproduct of the world's callous apathy is painful to behold — a country, unable to fend for itself, in an accelerating descent into agony.

Where's Mr. Babariko?

The political prisoner, once a presidential candidate in Belarus, has disappeared.

WHEN HE ran for president of Belarus in 2020, Viktor Babariko, a middle-of-the-road successful banker who pledged to bring democracy, separation of powers and term limits after nearly three decades of Alexander Lukashenko's autocracy, was leading in the polls. Mr. Babariko was summarily arrested before the vote to prevent him from campaigning and subsequently sentenced to 14 years in prison on trumped-up charges of bribery.

Now, he and other prominent political prisoners have vanished.

According to Deutsche Welle, Mr. Babariko was held incommunicado earlier this year. A spokesman, Gleb Germanchuk, said lawyers had received no news about him since February. "No written correspondence is received from Babariko, relatives and lawyers are not allowed to see him," Mr. Germanchuk said. "Recently, he has been constantly in the ShIZO," or solitary confinement, he added. Then, on April 27, the spokesman told DW that Mr. Babariko was hospitalized in the Novopolotsk penal colony. He reportedly had been beaten so brutally that doctors did not recognize him until they saw his name on the records, and they had to treat a collapsed lung.

Since then, no one has heard from Mr. Babariko and no one knows where he is. His former campaign headquarters lawyer, Ilya Salei, said, "The situation is really catastrophic, primarily because of the fact that there is no information. . . . As far as I understand, some kind of campaign is underway to completely isolate political leaders from the outside world and information, to influence them, perhaps not only morally but also physically."

To make matters worse, the Lukashenko regime has also attempted to neutralize political prisoners' lawyers. On March 20, according to the human rights group Viasna, six lawyers were arrested after having worked for well-known political prisoners. Among them is Ivan Chyzhyk, the last lawyer to represent Mr. Babariko.

Others have also disappeared. Maria Kolesnikova, the Babariko campaign manager, who later joined Svetlana Tikhanovskaya on the stump — they won the 2020 election, which Mr. Lukashenko then stole from them — is still imprisoned and hasn't been heard from in nearly three months. Ihar Losik, a popular blogger, also imprisoned, has been out of contact nearly as long. Ms. Tikhanovskaya's husband, Sergei, who earlier sought to run for president and was imprisoned to knock him out of the race, has also been cut off. Ms. Tikhanovskaya, now living in exile, said Thursday she has not heard from him in two months and declared: "The Belarus regime is hiding political prisoners behind a wall of silence. We have to break this wall. We can't let the regime torture & murder its opponents."

As of May 18, Viasna has identified 1,497 political prisoners in Belarus, and the true total is likely higher. In the past, it was at least possible for lawyers and human rights defenders in Belarus to track their whereabouts. Now the regime appears to be using ever-more repressive tactics like those of North Korea, where prisoners are forcibly disappeared for months or years. Meanwhile, Mr. Lukashenko has also kept out of public view in recent weeks, apparently seriously ill.

The entire world should demand that the dictator answer: Where is Viktor Babariko? Show us he is alive. What has become of the others? Belarus's political prisoners cannot be allowed to vanish.

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Health care for all isn't hard

The May 15 Metro article on the disenrollment process for Medicaid in D.C., Maryland and Virginia, "Medicaid unwinding gets underway," should alarm anyone who is concerned with health care in the United States. According to KFF, nationwide up to 17 million people, disproportionately youths and people of color, could lose their Medicaid benefits because of the pandemic emergency winding down. It does not have to be this way. The United States is the only industrialized country in the world that does not guarantee its citizens health care.

This week, Medicare-for-all legislation was introduced in the House and Senate. These bills would guarantee that every American from birth to death would have continuous coverage for all medically necessary services regardless of employment status, income, preexisting conditions or where they live. Premiums, co-payments and deductibles, all barriers to coverage, would be eliminated. People would retain their ability to choose their providers and hospitals. According to Physicians for a National Health Program, 95 percent of all households would save money.

Richard Bruning, *Baltimore*

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Armed and afraid

Fareed Zakaria's May 13 op-ed, "It's no mystery why the U.S. has so many gun deaths," highlighted interesting and troubling statistics on gun violence, especially in the United States compared with other developed countries.

None of the countries that have endured mass shootings and taken immediate, meaningful action to collect guns from the populace and/or restrict the purchase of firearms has anything like the hurdle the Second Amendment forces us to jump. The Second Amendment has only 27 words: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Gun rights advocates can quote the last 14 words from memory but seem unable to choke down the first 13. It seems counterintuitive that AR-style rifles should be available for the asking when the Constitution seems to give Congress the authority to restrict the sale and possession of those military arms.

It's a sad situation when the "originalists" in our government, at all levels, have succumbed to the interpretation of the Second Amendment by an organization whose only purpose is to keep the United States armed and afraid. The vast majority of gun owners are peaceful, law-abiding and responsible in the use of firearms. It's a tragedy that the intent of the Second Amendment has been hijacked by those who insist that the amendment has only 14 words. You want to play with military-style/grade weapons? Join the National Guard. The Second Amendment is the very deadly third rail of politics.

Clark Young, *Alexandria*

Disgraceful remarks

I was disgusted by the comments by Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) that "something's going wrong with our military" and "they're politicizing the military so much, they're ruining our military," as reported in Paul Kane's May 14 @PKCapitol column, "Defending white nationalists, Tuberville fears a military that is 'going wrong.'"

Having attended way too many repatriations of service members and watching family and friends be overcome with grief, I cannot fathom how a U.S. senator would have the unmitigated gall to denigrate the leaders of our service members just days before the entire country is set to honor them.

I have had the privilege of assisting service members and their families with issues involving their deployment and return home. They give up the comforts of home, their ability to be with family during any number of special occasions — and this is how the senator thanks them? By holding up nearly 200 promotions to critical military positions? Perhaps the senator should spend some time with the leaders of our troops at our bases in Germany, Turkey or elsewhere overseas before pontificating about them.

Though the senator is entitled to his opinions, he could at least have the decency to withhold his criticism until after Memorial Day. I am grateful to our military members for their service.

Les Greenberg, *Marriottsville, Md.*

The hard lesson on rights

The May 13 news article "Conservative media hands DeSantis a rare failure on press rights" illustrated a fact many folks seem to forget: When people choose to restrain the rights of people they do not agree with or approve of, they are encouraging autocratic behavior. As these people cheer, they should know that historically and still today — in Russia, China and Hungary, among other countries — an autocrat first removes rights for a certain group, but, little by little, he expands his reach so that eventually all people living under the dictator have no rights.

The conservatives of Florida are seeing an example of this with the attempted rewriting of defamation laws. The fear is this would also hurt conservative reporters and publishers. If only they could figure out a way to silence just the liberal press, that would be fine. Have no fear, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) will try again.

Ann W. Joseloff, *Silver Spring*

Celebrate reading — quietly

Reading Karen MacPherson's May 14 Book World essay, "Go ahead, make some noise: Libraries should be loud," reminded me of a summer reading program that I volunteered for several years ago. At the beginning of the final session, each student got to pick out an armful of free books. I assumed we would then pair up with the kids and spend the rest of the time reading together to bond them with their new treasures. Instead, the books were set aside and a children's librarian arrived to lead the kids in games of Simon Says and duck, duck, goose. I found a serious-looking little girl who was eager to delve into her new books, and the two of us did our best to read to each other amid the clamor.

I worry that "loud librarians," with their emphasis on noisy and strenuous activities, run the risk of shortchanging the very act they're trying to promote: reading! Is Ms. MacPherson's beloved "loud library" really an ecosystem that will encourage kids (or anyone else) to focus their minds on the pages of a book? A quiet library isn't "sad," as one of Ms. MacPherson's colleagues claimed. Instead, beneath the surface, it can be full of the energy and excitement of engaged minds.

Conrad Berger, *Hyattsville*

A glimmer of hope

After reading so much Biden-bashing, I found it truly refreshing to read David Ignatius's May 15 op-ed, "In Vienna, the U.S.-China relationship shows signs of hope." President Biden is certain the United States does not want to start a new Cold War. As Mr. Ignatius wrote, Mr. Biden took too long to implement this insight, but he seems to have found his voice.

National security adviser Jake Sullivan has Mr. Biden's confidence to engage in detailed discussions about sensitive issues with the top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi. I was heartened to read that it was partly a matter of chemistry that the talks between Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Wang have been candid, substantive and constructive. Amid all the gloom and doom, there is a glimmer of hope.

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We have the power to control our nuclear fate

In centuries to come, our descendants will wonder why we chose to live so long with the urgent threat of self-annihilation. They will wonder why we spent decades playing Russian roulette with nuclear weapons.

President Biden arrived on Friday for a summit of the Group of Seven wealthy nations in Hiroshima, Japan, the city that was obliterated on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, by the silent flash of an atomic bomb dropped by a U.S. plane. Biden's host, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, is a distant cousin of a 4-year-old boy who was killed in that instant of hellfire — his body reduced to melted flesh, according to the aunt who found him.

That detonation and the similar U.S. bombing of Nagasaki three days later miraculously remain the only instances when atomic weapons have been used in anger. Between 110,000 and 210,000 Japanese civilians were killed in the two blasts, according to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, which keeps a "doomsday clock" estimating how close the world is to the "midnight" of cataclysmic nuclear war.

Before the explosions in Japan, there were precisely two armed-and-ready nuclear weapons in the world. Today, according to the Federation of American Scientists — founded after World War II as the Federation of Atomic Scientists by experts alarmed at the destructive power of the atomic bomb — there are roughly 12,500 nuclear warheads in the stockpiles of nine nuclear nations. And many of those weapons are thousands of times more powerful than the rudimentary devices used against Japan in 1945.

Kishida decided to hold this year's meeting of G-7 leaders in Hiroshima to focus renewed attention on the existential question of nuclear disarmament. The issue deserves a more serious response than what Kishida is likely to get: high-minded speeches, and perhaps establishment of some kind of mid-level "working group" whose studies and proposals go nowhere.

With Russian President Vladimir Putin threatening to use "tactical" nuclear weapons in his bloody attempt to conquer Ukraine, and with China and North Korea both developing new missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads, the response from the G-7's nuclear powers — the United States, France and Britain — is not going to be a genuine push for disarmament. Instead, it will be to spend whatever is necessary to ensure that allied nuclear capabilities match or exceed those of our adversaries.

Three decades after the end of the Cold War, we are still trapped inside the conceptual framework of mutual assured destruction. No leader dares to use nuclear weapons because the response would be a devastating retaliatory nuclear strike. Nuclear powers go to great lengths to avoid direct armed conflict with one another, given the risk that a conventional war might somehow go nuclear. It is even possible to argue that because of this deterrent effect, nuclear weapons are not a bane to humanity but a blessing.

Possible — but crazy.

One problem with mutual assured destruction is that it doesn't work unless all the nations that possess nuclear weapons are truly prepared to use them. Another problem is that the system incentivizes nations engaged in ideological or territorial conflict with the West to develop nuclear weapons of their own: Once you have the bomb, nobody is going to mess with you.

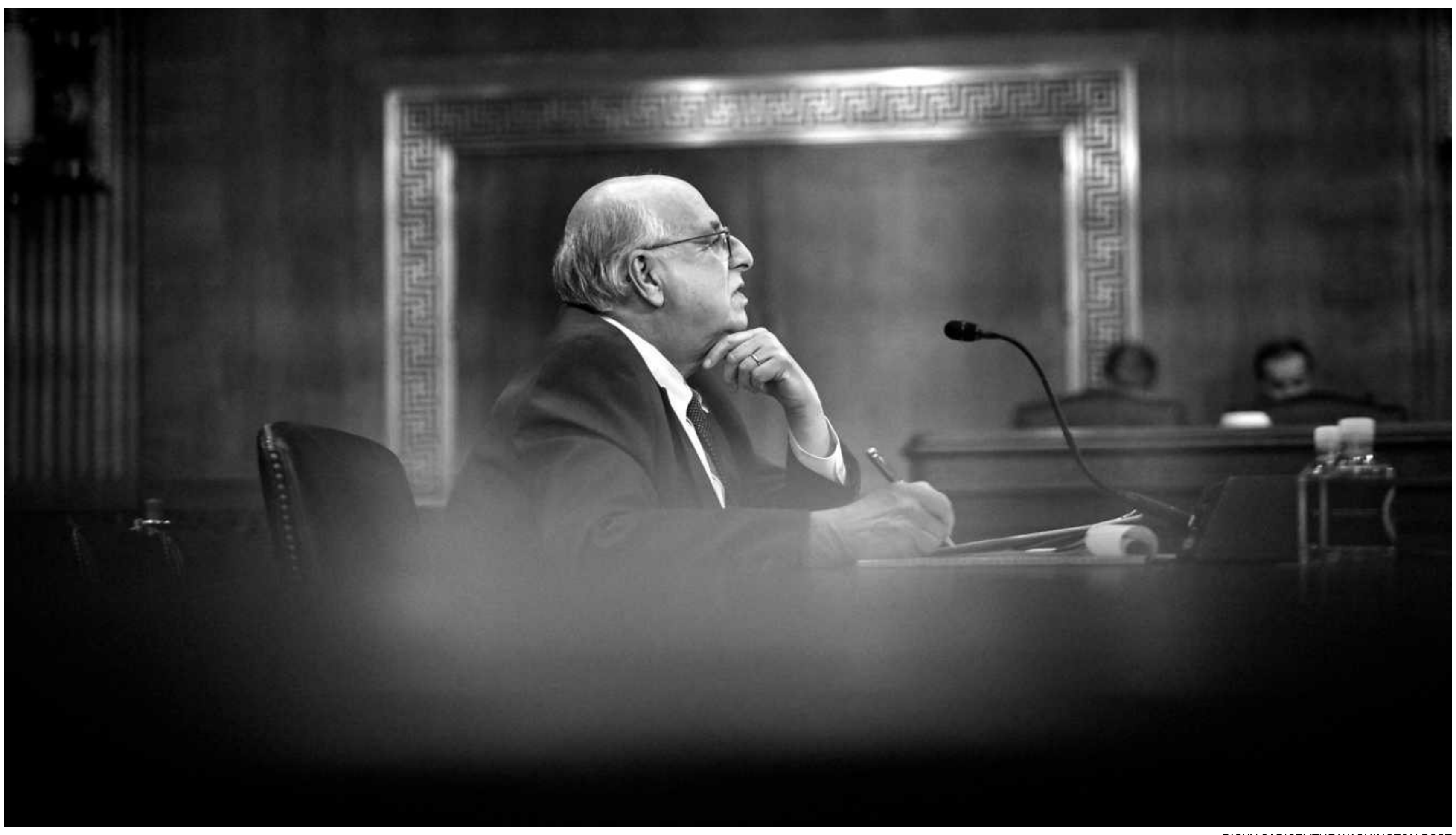
Iraq failed to make a nuclear bomb, and Saddam Hussein was deposed. North Korea succeeded, and Kim Jong Un remains comfortably in power. It is only logical that Iran's mullahs would race to follow Kim's example — rather than suffer Hussein's fate.

Consider India and Pakistan. Perhaps the fact that both are nuclear powers keeps their occasional border clashes from escalating. But what if a skirmish somehow gets out of hand, perhaps fueled by the rising militancy of Hindu nationalists? A nuclear exchange on the subcontinent could kill tens or even hundreds of millions.

If you want some idea of what nuclear war would be like, read "Hiroshima," written by New Yorker journalist John Hersey one year after the bombing. He interviewed survivors and reconstructed a shockingly vivid account of the blast and its aftermath. A Methodist minister, the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, described the detonation as "a sheet of sun" and saw houses two miles from the epicenter flattened. Survivors had horrible burns from the explosion and the massive firestorm that followed. The lucky died quickly; the less fortunate died in agony from radiation sickness in the days and weeks that followed.

The detonation of a single modern nuclear warhead over a large city anywhere in the world would be exponentially worse.

We cannot unlearn how to make nuclear weapons; that's not how human knowledge works. But we can, as a civilization, decide that nuclear holocaust will not be our fate. We had the ingenuity to unlock the cataclysmic power of the atom. We must somehow find the wisdom to forswear its use.



RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST

Mark L. Wolf testifies before a hearing on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

RUTH MARCUS

Not liking the message about Thomas, GOP senators attack the messenger

Mark L. Wolf has spent his career fighting against corruption and for the rule of law — as a public corruption prosecutor, as a federal judge, as a crusader against international kleptocracy. For that, at a hearing on judicial ethics this week, he was rewarded with some of the most shameful treatment in memory by a pair of Republican senators seemingly more intent on smearing the messenger and defending Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas than on exercising their constitutional oversight responsibilities.

The episode says far more about the reflexively partisan nature of the current Congress and the character of the senators — John Neely Kennedy of Louisiana and Mike Lee of Utah — than it does about Wolf.

As a young lawyer during the Ford administration, Wolf served as special assistant to two iconic figures, both Republicans — then-Deputy Attorney General Laurence Silberman, later a federal appeals court judge, and Attorney General Edward Levi — as the department struggled to recover its bearings after the Watergate scandal. Wolf led the public corruption unit at the U.S. attorney's office in Boston, securing more than 40 convictions, including of officials close to Mayor Kevin White, a Democrat.

Named to the federal bench by Ronald Reagan in 1985, Wolf exposed the FBI's use of organized-crime figure James "Whitey" Bulger as an informant and how it protected Bulger and an associate as they committed murder — and tipped Bulger off so he could flee when he was about to be indicted. Now a senior judge, Wolf, 76, has campaigned for the creation of an international anti-corruption court. As it turns out — and this was the subject of his testimony before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee — Wolf was also briefly a thorn in the side of the Judicial Conference of the United States a dozen years ago, during an earlier ethics episode involving Thomas. At the time, Wolf was serving on that policymaking body of the federal judiciary, which reviews, or is supposed to review, financial disclosure reports by federal judges, including Supreme Court justices.

To call the operations of the Judicial Conference opaque is an understatement. When I asked a few weeks back for the names of the judges, past and present, on the financial disclosure committee, I was told that was not public information. (It was released this week in a letter to Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), who chaired Wednesday's hearing.)

Wolf's experience, first reported by Bloomberg News's Zoe Tillman, was similarly frustrating. In 2011, the Judicial Conference received complaints that Thomas had violated financial disclosure laws by failing for years to identify the sources of income received by his wife, Virginia "Ginni" Thomas. The justice, who had previously reported such information, said he had misunderstood the filing instructions and amended years' worth of forms. Other stories and complaints followed, including about Thomas's relationship with conservative donor Harlan Crow — sound familiar? — and whether he had failed to report travel and hospitality provided by Crow and the Federalist Society.

> *Kennedy and Lee came out swinging. Their goal wasn't to discuss ethics; it was simply to discredit the witness, at any cost.*

So, Wolf began to ask questions and stir up trouble: Why were members of the Judicial Conference not informed of the complaints or their disposition? How did the financial disclosure committee determine that Thomas's conduct did not trigger a referral to the Justice Department under the terms of the Ethics in Government Act? (The law provides that the conference "shall refer to the Attorney General" when there is "reasonable cause to believe" the judge "has willfully failed to file" required information.)

The powers that be put Wolf off. He kept pushing. In the end, the Judicial Conference simply waited Wolf out — his term expired before the matter could be raised at a meeting.

As Wolf explained in his prepared remarks, "it is unfortunately relevant to consider these events today. The [Ethics in Government] Act only performs its vital function if the Conference understands and properly performs its role. I believe that in 2011 and 2012 it did not." Despite allegations from Congress and the public, the financial disclosure committee "did little to nothing for at least a year." Its process was "opaque," failing to disclose the allegations and its response to other members of the conference.

Finally, Wolf said, the committee applied "the wrong standard," deciding for itself whether Thomas's violations were willful rather than whether there was a "reasonable cause" to refer the matter.

Maybe that's right, maybe not. But it seems like a reasonable, and important, point to consider — if you were a lawmaker weighing whether the existing financial disclosure and other ethics rules need to be revised.

This turns out to be a big "if." Kennedy and Lee came out swinging — at Wolf. Their goal wasn't to discuss ethics; it was simply to discredit the messenger, at any cost.

Kennedy dismissed Wolf as "a lone federal judge . . . obsessed with complaining" about Thomas but himself guilty of ethical missteps. He cited discredited information placed in the file of an FBI informant that Wolf, as a federal prosecutor, had leaked evidence to organized crime. He asserted that Wolf had engaged in a "highly unethical move — that's an understatement" when he declined to recuse himself from a death penalty case after moderating a panel that included a professor who later became a witness in the case. He asserted that Wolf had behaved improperly when he wrote an opinion piece endorsing a code of conduct to cover Supreme Court justices. "Is Judge Wolf planning on launching a super PAC next?" Kennedy asked.

And then he left the hearing room before listening to a word of Wolf's testimony. It takes some gall to hurl these accusations at a federal judge and not stick around to hear his response.

Lee then took up the cudgel. "I am concerned by the tone and tenor of this hearing," he said. "It feels an awful lot like a political witch hunt, which may be in the process of being aided and abetted by a member of the judiciary."

When Wolf suggested that Lee's father, former solicitor general Rex E. Lee, with whom Wolf served in the Ford administration, "would have been very disturbed by the matters that I've addressed," Lee exploded. "Seriously, you're here attacking a member of the United States Supreme Court on grounds that are frivolous . . . and you have the audacity to come in and invoke the memory of my late father?" Lee said, raising his voice. "Shame on you, sir."

Wolf kept his cool. "Some people I respect advised me not to do this . . . that I would be subject to various unfair attacks," he said as the hearing drew to a close. "I did it because so many of my colleagues on the bench are deeply disturbed themselves. . . . So many of us worked so hard to give integrity to the ideal of impartial, equal justice under law, and now that ideal is imperiled."

Ethics shouldn't be a partisan issue. I've spoken to numerous federal judges, Democratic and Republican nominees alike, and none of them are comfortable with the extent of the benefits that Thomas accepted from Crow.

Much as Kennedy and Lee want to peddle their "everyone does it" line, not everyone does. Other justices have amended their disclosure forms, but Thomas is unique in having to do so repeatedly, only after being called out, and in his pattern of claiming to have misunderstood reporting requirements with which he initially complied.

Wolf's point, made without hyperbole or insinuation, was less focused on Thomas than on a flawed process that seemed designed to shield the justice's conduct from appropriate scrutiny. That this observation would expose him to such unhinged attacks suggests how much Republicans fear what a real investigation would uncover.

RAMESH PONNURU

'Electability' won't be enough for DeSantis

As he moves closer to announcing his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, Ron DeSantis is also inching toward actually criticizing Donald Trump. At an event in Iowa, the Florida governor took a shot at the former president by alluding to the GOP's "culture of losing."

DeSantis is going to have to be a lot more explicit if he wants to prevail. As the governor probably understands, you can't defeat someone if you're afraid to say their name.

He's also going to need to rethink the *content* of the criticism, not just its tone. The critique that DeSantis is making of Trump — that he would lose in November 2024 — might be popular among the governor's supporters, but it would probably fall flat among the Republican voters he needs to persuade to win.

For one thing, Trump has defied such predictions before. He was written off as a joke candidate in the Republican primaries when he entered the presidential race in 2015. When he won the nomination, it was assumed that Hillary Clinton would handily defeat him. (I'm among those who said he wouldn't win either time.) Then he won against her, too.



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on April 17.

To convince Republican voters that Trump is a loser would thus require getting them to believe that the same argument everyone made back then and saw blow up in their faces is right this time. For many conservatives, Trump's 2016 victory reinforced the idea that "electability" is a ploy used by the media and squishy Republicans to discredit candidates who are willing to fight for them.

One might think that the fact that Trump lost the last presidential race to Joe Biden would strengthen the case that he would lose a rematch. But Trump has shielded himself from this reality by insisting falsely that he won the 2020 election only to have the Democrats steal it. Pollsters find that most Republican voters say they believe some version of this story, which presumably is why DeSantis has never explicitly rejected it.

The claim that Trump can't win will also continue to run into polls that suggest otherwise. Which leads to one last reason the electability argument is a dud: In its strongest form, it is almost certainly false. Trump might well be a riskier candidate for Republicans than DeSantis would be. But given the right national environment 18 months from now — if, say, gas prices spike again or a recession hits — Trump could win.

To have a chance of besting Trump, DeSantis has to convince Republicans that as president he would deliver better results. Voters need to believe they would get the conservative policies that Trump accomplished for them, and more, without everything they disliked about the Trump presidency.

That's not just a matter of avoiding "mean tweets." DeSantis would also have to make it clear that his administration would not be consumed by feuds between the president and his own appointees or the guessing games about which presidential statements were meant to be taken seriously. He would have to promise to keep nominating conservative judges as Trump did while also accomplishing the kind of reform of the immigration system or strategy to contain China that Trump merely gestured toward.

There is plenty of material for DeSantis to make this case. His governorship has been a case study in what a disciplined politician working with allies can do to change the policies and political culture of a state. Trump might talk about Republicans as the party of workers, but it's DeSantis who has required companies to verify that the people they're hiring are legally here.

In other words, the key argument that DeSantis has to make is that he would be a better president than Trump, at least in terms of what matters to Republican voters. He might not succeed in making that case. But if he's not willing to try, there's no point in his running.


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Youngkin ad feeds 2024 buzz

Campaign-style video casts Va. governor, who has denied presidential aspirations, as successor to Reagan

BY LAURA VOZZELLA, GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND NICK ANDERSON

RICHMOND — "It's pretty overwhelming to contemplate the future of America," the governor of Virginia was saying. Yet Republican Glenn Youngkin seemed to be doing just that Thursday as he rolled out a campaign-style video appearing to cast him as the successor to President Ronald Reagan — despite his pledge to focus entirely on this year's Virginia legislative races.

Based on Youngkin's speech this month at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif., the one-minute spot features soaring rhetoric, swelling music and one glaring gaffe: mistaking a foreign fighter jet for an American one.

"It's a time to choose life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness over oppression and dictatorial rule," Youngkin says against a visual of a Eurofighter Typhoon taking to the skies. "The stakes are high and the consequences couldn't be greater."

A spokesman for Youngkin's Spirit of Virginia political action committee, which bankrolled the ad, noted that the jet image was mislabeled in Shutterstock and said it will be swapped for one of an American plane. The ad also said Youngkin's speech was in April, but it was May 1.

The fighter-jet mix-up is not an optimal look for an aspiring commander in chief or for a governor of Virginia, which is home to some of the U.S. military's most

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TOP AND ABOVE: Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) arrives at George Mason University on Thursday to give a commencement address, at which some students protested.

Pitch for ranked voting takes off

GROUP SEEKS D.C. BALLOT INITIATIVE

Effort could expand participation in primaries

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER AND MEAGAN FLYNN

District voters may be asked to consider broad changes to D.C.'s election system next year under a ballot initiative effort launched this week that aims to open up primaries to independent voters and bring ranked-choice voting to the city.

The ballot initiative's organizing group, Make All Votes Count DC, took its first step in filing the proposal Wednesday with the D.C. Board of Elections. If allowed to move forward, the ballot initiative would seek to allow tens of thousands of voters who are unaffiliated with a party in D.C. to begin participating in primary elections — which are currently closed to those who aren't registered with a party — and would overhaul the city's process for selecting candidates and tallying votes starting in 2026.

Lisa Rice, an advisory neighborhood commissioner in Ward 7, said the effort stems from legislation the D.C. Council considered last year to usher in ranked-

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Proposed walkway to National advances

Arlington signs off on design for airport bridge that links to Crystal City

BY TEO ARMUS

The trip to Reagan National Airport is already a quick ride on the Metro or — depending on traffic — a straight shot on the highway. But by the end of the decade, a bridge stretching over roads and railways in Arlington could make it much easier to get there on foot, too.

Plans for a pedestrian walkway connecting the airport with the Crystal City neighborhood took a big step forward over the weekend as Arlington County Board members signed off on a basic design for the project, known as CC2DCA.

Area boosters say the bridge will make National the first truly walkable airport in the United States, adding more connectivity to a neighborhood in the middle of a massive transformation — all in a highly visible piece of infrastructure.

"The bridge itself is an exhilarating concept for uniting a downtown main street with a major airport," said Tracy Sayegh Gabriel, president and executive director of the National Landing Business Improvement District

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Anonymous email targets Black coach

Fairfax school system probes message about Oakton High cheer team

BY KARINA ELWOOD

Faith Dabrio picked up the phone. On the other end was the mother of an athlete she had coached on the Oakton High School cheer team in the fall. She wanted to inform Dabrio of an anonymous email that was circulating in the cheer community at the Northern Virginia school and offer her support.

The email included racist language, and it was about Dabrio. The 24-year-old listened in disbelief last week as the parent began to read the email:

"I am speaking on behalf of many of the parents and students on this sensitive topic but I feel that it's important to make this clear upfront. Many of us would not feel comfortable with another colored individual coaching cheerleading at Oakton."

Dabrio hung on to her every word. Then she got to her name.

"I enjoyed the time I spent at a few games with Coach Faith," the email reads. "She was very nice and spoke professionally at all times but culturally she and the coach before her I was told were not a good fit for Oakton and they both were of an African American decent."

Dabrio broke down in tears as the parent read the email to her. Her mind kept returning to the phrase "colored individual."

"I told myself this is not a reflection of me, and who I am as a person," Dabrio said in an interview this week. "This is just a reflection of my skin tone, which has nothing to do with how I carry myself in the world or how I do a job."

Dabrio coached the varsity cheer team at Oakton from August through November. She chose to leave the team after the season because of an unrelated conflict with an athlete on the team. The email, which was obtained and reviewed by The Washington Post last week and first reported by WTOP, was sent anonymously in March to the new head coach, Jillian Domenech, welcoming her to the team and sharing concerns about the race of previous coaches, including Dabrio.

The Fairfax school system is investigating the email and who sent it.

"While this may be seen as racist or having prejudice

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Killings of children spur fear and outrage in D.C.

BY PETER HERMANN, EMILY DAVIES, LAUREN LUMPKIN AND SALVADOR RIZZO

A deadly week in the District that included a student fatally shot in a high school parking lot in Petworth and a fifth-grader hit by a stray bullet on Mother's Day has left city leaders and residents frustrated over the seemingly unrelenting violence.

Elba Perez Lazo, the mother of the latest young victim, 17-year-old Jefferson Luna-Perez, said in a brief telephone interview that she brought her son to the United States from El Salvador when he was 9 months old to escape gangs threatening the family.

"Oh God, they took my son away," Lazo wrote on Facebook after her son was killed. "They will pay for all of it . . ."

Authorities said Luna-Perez was shot Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot of Roosevelt High School, where he had attended classes earlier in the day. Police said there had been an altercation, and they found a gun at the scene. Authorities said they were still investigating the circumstances and motive and had made no arrests.

"It's a horrible time to be a parent," said Deirdre Mozee, 57, whose daughter is an 11th-grader at Roosevelt. "You have to pray so hard every day for your kids when they leave out the door to go to school."

The slayings of Luna-Perez and 10-year-old Arianna Davis

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Petula Dvorak

She is away. Her column will resume when she returns.

Ranked-choice voting initiative could soon be on the ballot

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choice voting, a system that allows voters to rank candidates in their order of preference. The legislation, introduced in 2021 by Council member Christina Henderson (I-At Large), received a hearing but did not advance to a vote, thanks in part to opposition from D.C.'s Democratic Party and some lawmakers who said it could exacerbate existing problems with under-voting.

"So we are taking it to the people," Rice said, "and adding something I am very passionate about, which is open primaries."

Rice, who said she is an independent voter, called D.C.'s exclusion of unaffiliated voters in the primary "a form of voter suppression — period."

Generally, in jurisdictions with closed primaries, political parties have preferred them out of suspicion that people who aren't in the party would try to sabotage them. But in heavily Democratic D.C., where primaries can often be more competitive than the general election, Rice said tens of thousands of voters are locked out of participating in this critical stage of the election. According to D.C. voter registration data, more than 86,000 voters are registered as unaffiliated with a party.

The ballot initiative would allow independent voters to request a ballot for one party in the primary election.

"It's really important, especially open primaries, to bring this to the voters," Rice said. "Those are taxpayer-funded primaries. And so as a taxpayer, I would like to vote in the primaries, because they matter."

For a ballot initiative to move



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A voter casts their ballot at the Turkey Thicket Recreation Center during the Washington primary election on June 21. Ranked-choice voting would allow unaffiliated voters to participate in primaries.

forward, the Board of Elections must decide that it meets a set of criteria, including that the measure is constitutional, is a proper subject and does not require appropriating funds. The group must also circulate a petition garnering signatures of support from at least 5 percent of registered voters citywide, including in at least five of the eight wards. More than 524,000 voters are registered in the District.

The D.C. ballot initiative — and namely its push for ranked-choice voting — follows successful efforts in states and cities nationwide that have implemented that voting system, including New York City and Alaska. In the Washington region, Arlington is using ranked-choice voting in its June primary election.

The way it works is, voters rank candidates in their order of preference, though they also have the option to just rank one candidate. If after votes are tallied no candidate has received more than 50 percent of the vote, then the lowest-performing candidate is eliminated. And for voters who had selected that candidate as their top choice, their votes will instead go to their second choice of candidate in the second round of counting. This process continues until a candidate receives over 50 percent of the vote, intended to avoid outcomes where the winner of an election doesn't have majority support.

Rice said the way she likes to explain it to people is simple: "Every time you go to a deli and you want to order a turkey sandwich, if they don't have turkey, do you know what your second choice is? That's ranked-choice voting," she said, noting that educating voters about how ranked-choice voting works will be part of the advocacy.

Debates around ranked-choice

> *"If nothing else, I hope through this ballot initiative process, more people can be educated about what ranked-choice voting is and how it works."*
>
> **Christina Henderson,** D.C. Council member

voting have percolated in the District in recent years, particularly in the aftermath of the 2020 general election, during which 23 candidates competed for two at-large seats on the council. Because D.C. reserves two spots on the council for people who are not members of the majority party, some races in D.C.'s general election feature an influx of candidates — typically independents — who do not compete in primaries.

Henderson, who emerged as one of the two victors in the 2020 at-large race, introduced her ranked-choice voting bill soon after taking office with support from other members — using the large field of candidates in her own race as evidence of why the change would be impactful.

But the measure never made it to a committee vote, thanks to a mixed reception on the council.

Opponents of ranked-choice voting in D.C. say that the change could cause confusion and lead to an imbalance of political influence among the city's electorate, disadvantaging some areas of the city, including the historically underserved Wards 7 and 8.

The D.C. Democratic Party highlighted this issue while voicing its opposition to Henderson's measure in 2021, pointing to data showing residents in Wards 7 and 8 were already more likely to just pick one candidate in races where they are allowed to vote for two. The party noted as well that an analysis of ranked-choice voting in New York City indicated that lower-income areas were less likely to participate.

"While ranked-choice voting may be suitable for some jurisdictions, The DC Democratic Party believes [it] is not right for the District," the party's president, Charles Wilson, wrote at the time. "We should introduce measures aimed at strengthening voters' trust and confidence in the system, not introducing convoluted processes that will further alienate voters and exacerbate the public's distrust in our electoral process."

Henderson said in an interview Thursday that she met with some of D.C.'s ranked-choice voting advocates last year, where it became apparent that a path forward for the bill in the council could face additional hurdles. Rice, Henderson and other supporters of ranked-choice voting say any confusion could be overcome with a robust education effort.

"Given the realities of the process, the advocates felt this was a better move," Henderson said, noting that she's supportive of the initiative as written. "If nothing else, I hope through this ballot initiative process, more people can be educated about what ranked-choice voting is and how it works."

Youngkin video highlights his speech at Reagan library, in possible 2024 nod

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sophisticated fighter planes, from the F-22 at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton to the master jet base at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, home base for all of the Navy's East Coast fighter squadrons.

Unveiled on Twitter, the ad fed buzz about a potential 2024 presidential bid by the governor — a subject on which Youngkin has been studiously coy.

"Gov. Youngkin is 100 percent focused on Virginia, as he's repeatedly made clear," Dave Rexrode, Youngkin's senior political adviser, said in a text message to The Washington Post. "This was a video highlighting his remarks at the Reagan Library recently, where the Governor spoke about how Virginia was one of the bright lights of our nation's future."

The spot also drew a fair bit of mockery, with some on Twitter noting that after 18 months of chattering-class promotion, Youngkin still barely registers in national polls.

"A reminder we were all tied with Youngkin for the Republican presidential nomination in the polls," tweeted Michael McDonald, a political science professor and elections polling specialist at the University of Florida.

A political newcomer and former private-equity magnate who poured $20 million of his personal fortune into his run for the Executive Mansion, Youngkin has been touted as a possible White House contender since the moment in 2021 that he flipped blue-trending Virginia red.

He still gets mentioned even after his leading political strategist, Jeff Roe of Axiom Strategies, and ad-maker, Poolhouse, joined forces in recent months with a PAC aligned with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), a likely presidential rival. Poolhouse also continues to work for Youngkin and made the new ad.

Some strategists see a way forward for Youngkin given his enormous personal wealth, ties to the donor class, his appeal to evangelicals as the founder of a nondenominational church, and his ability to project an upbeat, basketball-dad image while serving up red meat to the MAGA base.

Youngkin raised his national profile last year as he campaigned in 15 states for GOP gubernatorial candidates; only five won, and those were in solid red states. Even in Virginia, the "red wave" Youngkin promised dried up west of Virginia Beach, where one of just three competitive congressional races went his way. In a special election in Virginia Beach that followed, Democrats flipped a competitive state Senate seat.



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Two graduates demonstrate with signs as Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) gives a commencement address at the Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University on Thursday. Students appeared to be protesting stances Youngkin has taken against policies promoting racial equity, among other issues.

His reputation for swing-district electoral magic now rests on legislative elections, with all 140 seats in the General Assembly on the ballot. Youngkin needs the GOP to hold onto the House of Delegates and flip the narrowly divided state Senate to have any chance of wresting big wins out of the General Assembly for the rest of his four-year term.

In the first three months of the year, Youngkin's PAC reported raising almost $2.7 million — a record amount for a Virginia governor at this point in a term. Spirit of Virginia had about $2.7 million in the bank as of March 31, according to the nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project.

The PAC reported spending about $1.4 million during the first quarter of the year. The overwhelming majority of that — $930,000 — covered Youngkin's own campaign expenses, mostly for an army of consultants.

He spent about $190,000 on political contributions, most of that to support a Republican candidate's failed effort to win a special election for a state Senate seat in Virginia Beach. That seat was won by Democrat Aaron Rouse.

On Thursday morning, Youngkin rolled out endorsements in seven state Senate races and 12 House of Delegates contests. Six of them involve contested primaries; in the highest-profile race, Youngkin came out in favor of Del. Emily M. Brewer (R-Isle of Wight) in her Senate nomination fight against former NASCAR driver Hermie Sadler.

The governor also appeared Thursday morning at George Mason University, where he encountered a smattering of protest from graduates as he delivered a short and upbeat commencement speech in Northern Virginia.

A few dressed in caps and gowns walked out of Eagle Bank Arena as the governor was about to speak. A few others stood and turned their backs during the address. Some held signs that read, "Mason demands action," "We will not debate humanity!" and "Students against Youngkin."

Youngkin seemed unfazed and did not mention positions he has taken — against policies promoting racial equity, and other issues — that spurred the demonstrations. "Today is about you," he told the graduates. "It's about your outstanding achievements and the world of opportunity that awaits you."

At another point, he praised "respect, honor and dignified conversations," and he exhorted the graduates: "Stand for something. Do not be afraid of criticism. Keep going, keep pushing and keep dreaming. The world needs builders, and you will build."

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Rock on: Free tickets to The Revivalists on July 8 at Merriweather Post Pavilion

The eight-piece rock band fronted by David Shaw will drop album *Pour It Out Into The Night* on June 2. On it: 12 songs that are "expected to be brimming with life-after-lockdown sentiments of living in the moment and appreciating the here and now" (americansongwriter.com). "Mirroring the push-and-pull of the past few years, the boys...deliver a bevy of anthems marked by moments of sonic complexity, celebration, and catharsis" (therevivalists.com). "The Revivalists make the kind of rock 'n' roll that grabs you and doesn't let go" (blackwaxcafe.com). Also performing: indie-folk band The Head and the Heart and country music star Jaime Wyatt.

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.



Arlington approves design of National-Crystal City bridge

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(BID). "It would be like no other airport connectivity in the country."

The $40 million project is one of five area transportation projects that Virginia committed to partially fund when Amazon announced it would be bringing a second headquarters and 25,000 jobs to the neighborhood. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

The company stands to receive about $573 million in state and local tax dollars for its new campus, including nearly $153 million from Virginia by September 2026, if it meets hiring and office occupancy goals.

But even as construction on that new campus has stalled, neighbors and civic advocates skeptical of giving government subsidies to the tech giant have nonetheless expressed excitement about CC2DCA.

As envisioned, the bridge would begin at the Virginia Railway Express station in Crystal City, stretch over the George Washington Parkway and then reach the northern side of the airport. A ramp or staircase in the middle would swoop down to connect the Mount Vernon Trail, which runs parallel to the highway.

While it's already possible to walk from Crystal City to the airport, that trek takes between 20 and 30 minutes and guides pedestrians along several busy overpasses or around twisting, confusing bike trails — hardly an easy stroll for those with luggage.

That walk would become a lot more straightforward on the connector bridge, said Ben D'Avanzo, who lives in nearby Aurora Highlands and sits on the Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council, a county advisory group.

Passengers with layovers could also cross the bridge to one of the neighborhood's hotels or restaurants, just as office workers and neighborhood residents could use it to easily catch a flight from the airport.

Gabriel, of the National Landing BID, emphasized that CC2DCA would also open up a more direct connection with the commuter rail stop.

The Crystal City VRE station has just one platform, allowing only for inbound trains in the morning and outbound service in the afternoon. But regional officials have floated the possibility of expanding that service, and there has also been conversation about extending MARC commuter rail from Maryland or adding an Amtrak stop there as well.

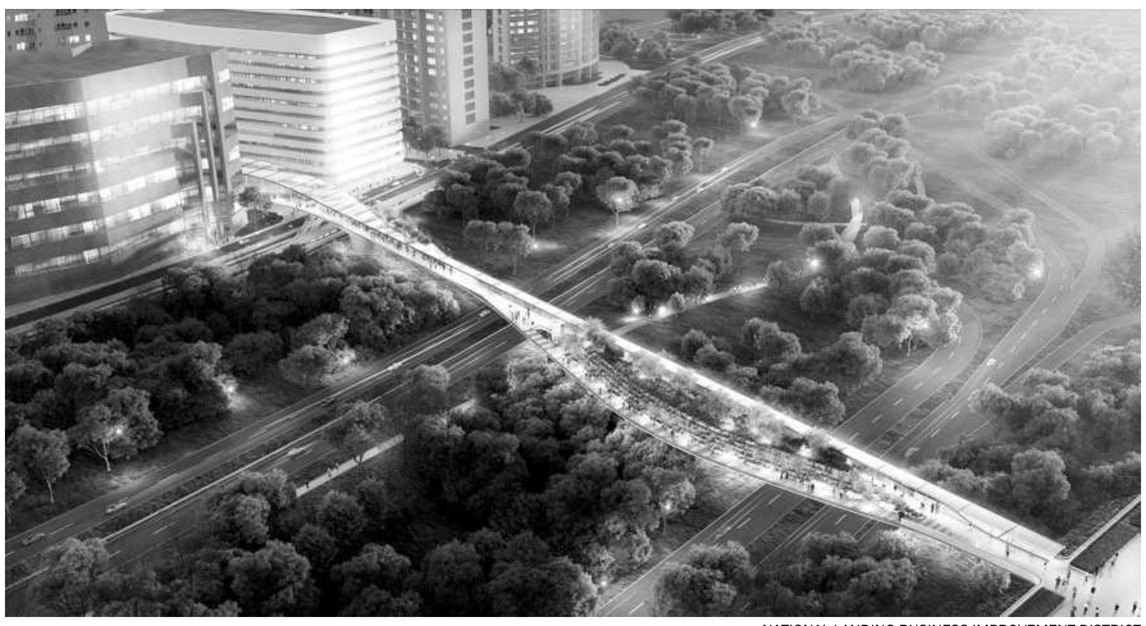
"Add in the potential for multimodal integration for Amtrak, commuter rail and Metro," Gabriel said, "and this is a giant economic development and sustainability win."

An idea to better connect the neighborhood with DCA was first floated in 2010, although it did not gain much steam until a BID study in 2018 that further probed the possibility of a tunnel or bridge connection.

Arlington officials had by then already begun budgeting money for the project. But it received a major funding boost once Amazon announced its plans for the new headquarters in the area, including in several leased buildings directly across from the VRE station.

The tech company, which effectively conducted a continental beauty pageant among North American cities in search of a second headquarters, said one of its priorities was easy access to an airport.

Virginia delivered: The state's deal with Amazon allocates up to $195 million for CC2DCA and four other projects in the region, including the new Potomac Yard Metro station set to open Friday.



NATIONAL LANDING BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A rendering of a bridge between Reagan National Airport and the Crystal City neighborhood. Area boosters say the project will make National the first truly walkable airport in the United States.

County, state and federal officials — including those from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Park Service — selected a winner from 16 possible connections, including tunnels, across the highway and Mount Vernon Trail.

The unanimous vote from the Arlington County Board on Saturday allows the project to advance to a more detailed design stage for the "girder-style" bridge. Lawmakers also approved a $4.2 million design contract with a Boston civil engineering firm, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin.

The project will move to an environmental assessment this summer. D'Avanzo said he hopes to see designers and officials incorporate desirable details — such a roof or other covering, moving walkways, or elements mirroring Manhattan's High Line — but notes that those may jack up the overall cost of the project.

While the $40 million is already covered, one additional funding source is running dry for now.

Part of Amazon's deal with Arlington is supposed to reinvest any growth in tax revenue in the surrounding neighborhood to fund CC2DCA and other transportation projects. But the money only gets passed on if that revenue exceeds a $4.8 billion baseline — a threshold it has yet to cross.

County Board Chair Christian Dorsey (D) expressed optimism that the bridge would further transform the neighborhood when it is completed by late 2028.

"It's going to be a unique kind of thing," he said. "We don't usually have airports that are opened up to surrounding communities. . . . We are going to make this an incredibly transit-friendly and transit-active accessible airport."

Anti-crime legislation arises amid D.C. child killings

CHILDREN FROM B1

were among five fatal shootings in the District this week. In one, police said, a woman was shot in a dispute over a cellphone. In another, a man was gunned down in a parking lot while arguing with another man high on drugs, according to court documents.

Homicides in D.C. are up 11 percent so far this year compared to the same time in 2022, and violent crime is up 14 percent. Seven of this year's 84 homicide victims were younger than 18.

As of May 11, D.C. police said 43 juveniles had been shot, double the number at the same time last year. Statistics show that 105 juveniles were shot in all of 2022, 16 of them fatally.

Ronald L. Moten, a longtime anti-violence worker in D.C., said the deadly week illustrates the brokenness of the city's criminal justice system. He called for more accountability for children and their parents, which he said sometimes means detention and at other times means home visits to provide help to struggling families.

"We are not talking about mass incarceration, we are not talking about locking up every kid who committed a violent crime," Moten said. "We are talking about balance."

Moten said he has been impressed by how much the Bowser administration and the D.C. Council have focused on public safety — but their ideas have been lacking. "As far as commitment, which is resources, I would give them an A," he said. "For strategy and plan? They have to go back to the drawing board."

The Bowser administration has implemented a variety of anti-violence initiatives and alternative justice programs, including People of Promise, focusing intense services on the 230 or so people chosen as the most likely to be a victim or perpetrator of violent crime. But city leaders have at times struggled to articulate a cohesive vision to drive down violence, and last year a deputy mayor graded the Promise program a C-plus. A mayoral spokeswoman did not offer further comment.

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) this week proposed legislation that would make it easier for judges to detain certain violent offenders on new charges and impose stiffer penalties for illegal gun possession.

Council member Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2), who chairs the public safety oversight committee, said "there is a sense of hopelessness for the people who are engaging in this violence." She added that "so much of the hopelessness comes from lack of opportunity, and that's what we're really trying to get at."

Pinto said there is a need to "rebuild our police department," which has lost hundreds of officers over the past several years. She said she would hold hearings on the mayor's legislative proposal, adding, "I am glad she put forward a package to continue the conversation about very needed public safety improvements."

Mozee, a member of Roosevelt's parent-teacher organization, said she is counting down the days to graduation, because problems on the campus are overwhelming. She said teachers are having to take on caregiving and social-work roles. Fights are common, she said, and students do not feel heard.

She said her daughter returned to school Thursday, and Mozee fears for the girl's life.

The school system did not immediately respond to questions raised by Mozee and declined to comment on the investigation into Luna-Perez's shooting, referring questions to police.

Roosevelt's principal, Courtney Wilkerson, sent a letter to parents noting some students may have witnessed the shooting or the first responder treating the victim. Those students were connected with a counselor. She wrote that "coping with the effects of gun violence is a difficult experience."

Meanwhile, a day after Arianna died at a hospital, her family continued to grieve. A GoFundMe page organized by teachers at a Capitol Hill day care where the girl's mother works described Arianna as a "sweet and loving child" who enjoyed TikTok, dancing and her three brothers.

The Thomas Elementary School student loved her "Mommy and Daughter Dates," according to the page. She and her mother would get their nails done, grab a bite to eat and shop together. Her aunt, reached by phone, said the family needed more time before speaking about the child.

Delonte Gholston, lead pastor at Peace Fellowship Church, met Arianna a few weeks back at a vigil for her cousin, who was shot and killed two years ago. She held an orange balloon, Gholston said, to show her support for gun violence prevention.

The next time Gholston was with Arianna was at a hospital, a bullet lodged in her head.

His thoughts retreated to other children killed by gunfire, including a 1-year-old hit by a bullet while strapped into a car seat in his father's vehicle in Southeast Washington in 2020. He said he has attended at least 100 vigils for people killed in violent acts in D.C.

"When a 15-month-old baby is killed, I should have gone by Union Station and seen all of the flags at half-staff," he said. "Everything should have stopped. But we just go on like nothing has happened."

Magda Jean-Louis contributed to this report.

LOCAL DIGEST

VIRGINIA

Victims identified in Pr. William stabbing

Three people who were fatally stabbed Tuesday inside a Prince William County house have been identified as a married couple and their adult son, all of whom were killed in an apparent domestic altercation that involved only them but was not a murder-suicide, according to police.

Police said Thursday that they think Nicholas L. Reams, 38, attacked his 71-year-old mother, Sandra W. Reams, with a bayonet. "At one point during the encounter, it is believed that the son and his 67-year-old father continued the altercation, resulting in both ultimately sustaining fatal injuries" from the bayonet, police said in a statement.

Nicholas Reams "is being considered the primary aggressor in the incident," the statement says, adding that investigators do not think any of the victims had self-inflicted wounds.

The father, Rodney C. Reams, called 911 about 7 a.m. Tuesday to report the altercation in his home, in the 5100 block of Cannon Bluff Drive in the county's Woodbridge section, police said. When officers arrived, Sandra Reams was dead and the men were wounded, according to police, who said the father and son died at a hospital.

Police said no one else was present during the incident.

— Paul Duggan

Crash involving deer kills driver near Dulles

A ride-hail driver died after his vehicle struck a deer Wednesday on the Dulles Airport Access Highway, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority police said.

Police said Solomon Birhanie Sibhatu, 47, of Silver Spring was killed in the crash.

Authorities were called at 8:30 p.m. to the westbound lanes of the highway to investigate the crash, police said in a statement. Officials found Sibhatu dead inside a Toyota minivan west of Interstate 495, police said.

Authorities did not release additional details about the crash.

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THE REGION

D.C., other large cities rebounding after losing population early in pandemic

BY TARA BAHRAMPOUR

Many of the nation's most populous cities shrank when covid struck, causing speculation about whether the change would be permanent. But those cities are for the most part rebounding, according to data released by the Census Bureau on Thursday.

Most of the 37 cities with more than 500,000 people saw demographic slowdowns in the first year of the pandemic, with the most severe declines in San Francisco, which lost 6.79 percent of its population, and New York, which lost 3.22 percent. But between July 2021 and July 2022, all but six had improved their trajectory, either by resuming growth, increasing growth or slowing their decline, the bureau's latest Vintage 2022 population estimates show.

The 10 most populous cities — those with more than 1 million residents at the start of the pandemic — did the best, with nine out of 10 showing demographic improvement. (Only Philadelphia did not.)

The turnarounds spanned the country, with the largest in San Francisco, Seattle, Nashville, Boston, New York, San Jose, Dallas and Milwaukee, according to an analysis of the data by William Frey, a senior demographer at the Brookings Institution.

Less populous cities, on the other hand, have not seen the same level of revival: Only about half of those with populations between 50,000 and 500,000 did better last year than the previous year. "Fewer of these smaller areas took the big hits of larger cities, and many experienced pandemic-era increases which could be eroding somewhat in the past year," Frey said.

At the beginning of the pandemic, when many workers who were able to telecommute fled crowded cities for the suburbs or rural areas, businesses and demographers were left guessing whether the moves would be permanent. The new data implies they were not. But regaining population does not necessarily mean that city centers will bounce back.

"We're talking about whole cities, not just downtowns," Frey said. "Especially in big cities, where downtown is a big part of the commercial but not a big part of the residential, you still have a lot of people working from home."

In the Washington metro area, a large majority of people with remote-capable jobs say they would rather work mostly from home if offered the choice, according to a Washington Post-Schar School poll earlier this year of over 1,600 D.C., Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland residents. Nearly half (47 percent) said they have jobs that can be done from home; among them, 37 percent work exclusively from home, 13 percent are fully on-site and 48 percent have a hybrid arrangement, the poll found.

Immigration has also increased in the past year and immigrants tend to head to larger cities, Frey said. Last year immigrant population inflow to many large cities rebounded to levels not seen since the Obama administration.

In many metropolitan areas, the curtailment of the city exodus coincided with a slowdown in suburban growth. Fewer than half of the suburbs in 56 metropolitan areas with populations over 1 million saw bigger gains or fewer losses last year, Frey's analysis found.

D.C. grew last year by 0.5 percent, a slightly higher rate than its suburbs. The Washington metro area overall gained 8,849 people (+0.14 percent) last year, after losing 1,772 (-0.03 percent) the year before, according to census data released earlier this year.

D.C., Arlington County and the city of Alexandria all gained population last year after shrinking the year before. Arlington gained 426 people (+0.2 percent) after losing 5,225 (-2.2 percent), Alexandria gained 322 (+0.2 percent) after losing 3,922 (-2.5 percent), and D.C. gained 3,012 (+0.5 percent) after losing 2,077 (-0.3 percent), according to an analysis Frey did of that data.

The growth may yet increase, Frey said, noting that the numbers released Thursday roughly reflect the second year of the pandemic, when many people were still being cautious. "When the pandemic is on the back burner for many of these people, there may be more coming down the road."

The fact that the data shows large cities, and not just counties or metro areas, as having the biggest improvements in population may indicate there is still a strong desire for living in cities themselves and not just near them, said Erica Williams, executive director of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute. But she said the District should diversify its efforts to draw people in.

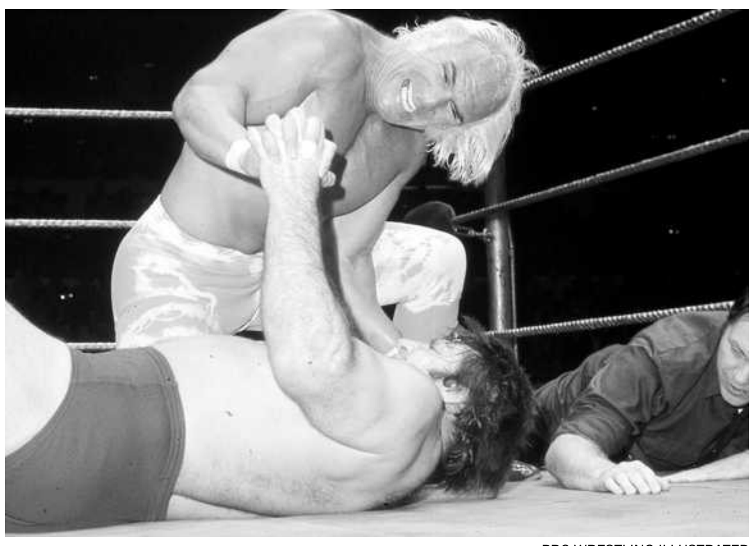
"The D.C. mayor and council are committing significant resources to convert downtown commercial real estate to residential units in the coming years, and really putting too many eggs in that basket. It takes a lot more to create thriving neighborhoods," she said. "… Amenities such as free transit, subsidized rents for micro businesses in buildings with major vacancies, parks and green spaces, grocery stores are just a few that would benefit residents who live here now while helping to attract others to come back."

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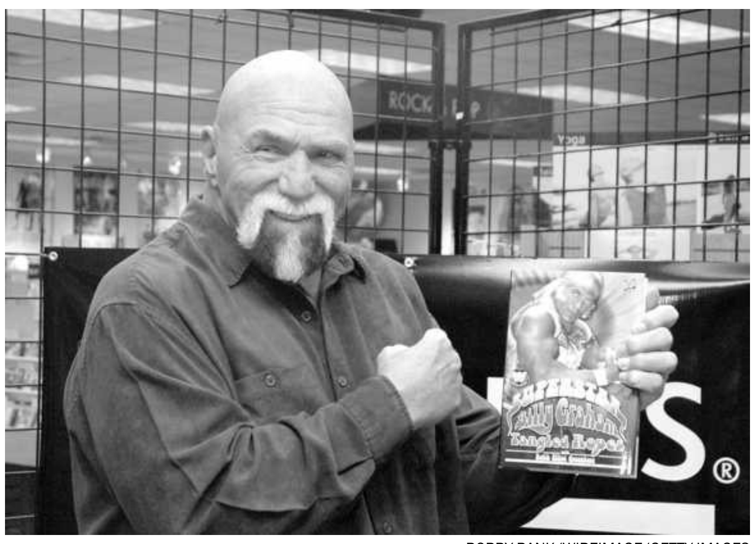
WAYNE COLEMAN, 79

Bodybuilding wrestler blazed a trail with 'Superstar' Billy Graham persona

BY BEN SUMNER



PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED



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Wayne Coleman, left, wrestling under the nickname "Superstar" Billy Graham and, right, signing a copy of his 2006 autobiography, "Tangled Ropes." He is considered a template for future professional wrestling stars, notably Hulk Hogan and Jesse Ventura.

Wayne Coleman, a professional bodybuilder turned wrestler whose bleached-blond hair and loudmouth personality as "Superstar" Billy Graham helped set the muscle-bulging, fight-picking, flamboyant template for later ring stars, notably Hulk Hogan and Jesse Ventura, died May 17 at a medical facility in Phoenix. He was 79.

Keith Elliot Greenberg, who co-wrote his memoir, said the cause was sepsis and multiple organ failure. Mr. Coleman had a liver transplant in 2002 after contracting hepatitis C and had several hip replacements and other health problems stemming from, he said, "massive doses" of steroids he used much of his career.

At 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, with a 56-inch chest and 22-inch biceps he dubbed "pythons," tie-dyed tights, feather boas and trash-talking interviews, Mr. Coleman headlined blood-soaked bouts at New York's Madison Square Garden in the 1970s. A onetime teenage evangelist who toured nationally, he said he had chosen a name that paid tribute to the Southern Baptist orator Billy Graham and the hit rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar."

In wrestling promos and interviews, Mr. Coleman was fond of calling people "brother," a term of endearment often used at evangelical revival meetings, but in the ring, he played the villain and enjoyed taunting his competitors in the manner of boxer Muhammad Ali and the earlier wrestler Gorgeous George.

"I took some old stuff and made it new," Mr. Coleman told the New York Daily News. "I wasn't some big old wrestler. I was the first guy to look and pose like a bodybuilder, dropping to one knee and do a bicep shot, showing off those 22-inch pythons."

Describing himself as a natural-born exhibitionist, he said he did whatever was necessary to help lure audiences and make the matches fun for ticket buyers. The result was media attention, with invitations to appear on late-night TV talk shows.

Mr. Coleman enjoyed his greatest prominence in what was then the World Wide Wrestling Federation, where he was pitted in matches against grapplers such as Dusty Rhodes and Harley Race. In 1977, he said, he was "appointed" to beat Bruno Sammartino for the federation's world championship title, part of the narrative decided ahead of time.

Along the way, Mr. Coleman said, he met and mentored two novice wrestlers, James Janos and Terry Bollea, who would become major stars as Ventura and Hogan, respectively, as the wrestling federation — now known as World Wrestling Entertainment — became a national TV staple in the 1980s.

Both Ventura and Hogan studied Mr. Coleman's flamboyance in and out of the ring, with Hogan also calling competitors "brother" and referring to his muscles as "pythons."

"[Former federation owner] Vince McMahon has said that Superstar Billy Graham was 20 years ahead of his time," Paul Levesque, better known as wrestler Triple H, said at Mr. Coleman's 2004 WWE Hall of Fame induction ceremony. "If you look at those who came after him, more people have patterned themselves after Superstar Billy Graham and become a success in this business than probably anybody."

Eldridge Wayne Coleman was born in Phoenix on June 7, 1943. His father drove phone poles into the ground for the local power company but developed multiple sclerosis and was reassigned to light office work. His mother became his father's caretaker.

His father, reputedly jealous of his son's size and buoyant athleticism, beat him for minor infractions, until one day when Wayne was able to yank the leather strap from his father's fingers. His mother also hit Wayne, using a brick against his head, she once said, "because he was too big to hit with anything else."

To escape the unhappiness of his home life, he poured his energy into bodybuilding and initially fashioned a set of weights from spare parts.

He also became a shot put and discus standout in high school but, inattentive in class, quit his studies in his junior year. He idolized muscleman Steve Reeves and became involved in competitive weightlifting. In 1961, he won the West Coast division of the Mr. Teenage America bodybuilding contest.

His picture in the paper drew the attention of a couple who were hosting a Christian revival tent meeting in Phoenix, and they invited Mr. Coleman to speak. "At the end of the sermon," he later said of the minister, "he asked for those who wanted to be born again to come forward and kneel down."

Mr. Coleman said he became a "born-again Christian" after attending a Christian revival tent meeting, then joined a group that gave lectures at small churches around the country — presenting himself as a godly voice of modern youth who also happened to have a mountainous physique that was hard to ignore.

"I didn't know what charisma meant," he told the New York Daily News. "People were attracted to me because of my sincerity. When a really strong Christian minister speaks, we say he's anointed through God. The true minister has an exceptional connection to the worshipers."

But ministering did not pay well. Furthermore, Mr. Coleman said his growing vanity slowly pulled him away from religion, as he found himself bedding many among the female flock. He entered competitive powerlifting, arm wrestling and strongestman competitions, at one point befriending Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mr. Coleman briefly boxed and, in the late 1960s, played in the Canadian Football League — while working as a debt collector in the offseason. When Mr. Coleman tore his Achilles' tendon, his gridiron career was over. A friend encouraged him to consider wrestling, and he soon joined a Canadian outfit run by the wrestling trainer Stu Hart before becoming a star with the World Wide Wrestling Federation.

Although Mr. Coleman was widely praised by colleagues, he never got the same exposure — or paychecks — as those who came after him. His career in the ring was largely over by the mid-1980s, with his body hampered by decades of injuries and steroid misuse.

Mr. Coleman said he tried to extort hush money from McMahon by claiming in 1992 on Phil Donahue's talk show that he had witnessed WWE officials abusing children. He later recanted the allegation and noted in his 2006 autobiography, "Tangled Ropes," that it was "my most shameful moment, not only in the wrestling profession, but in my life."

Mr. Coleman told Christianity Today that he contemplated suicide before rededicating his life to Jesus in 1994. He became active in ministry work and was outspoken about the dangers of steroids, drugs and alcohol. (He was among the prominent wrestlers who testified at the 1991 trial of George Zahorian III, an osteopath and surgeon who was convicted of selling illegal anabolic steroids to federation wrestlers.)

Mr. Coleman's first two marriages, to Shirley Potts and Madelyn Miluso, ended in divorce. In 1978, he married Valerie Belkas. In addition to his wife, of the home in Phoenix, survivors include two children from his second marriage and four grandchildren.

After his religious reconversion, Mr. Coleman said he stopped watching wrestling because of the vulgar language and degrading attitude toward women. But he remained proud of his work in the ring.

"I was the originator of the 22-inch pythons, brother," Mr. Coleman told the Orlando Sentinel. "They say imitation is the best form of flattery. A lot of these guys wouldn't be where they are today if not for Superstar Billy Graham."

RITA LEE, 75

Brazilian rocker had feminist message, global hits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rita Lee, Brazil's "queen of rock" who gained an international following with her colorful and candid style and songs that helped introduce Brazilian society to feminism, died May 8 at her home in São Paulo. She was 75.

The death was announced in a statement posted to her official Instagram account.

With a career spanning six decades, the singer left a lasting mark with her irreverence, creativity and hits such as "Mania de Você" (1979) and "Ovelha Negra" (1975). She also publicly addressed her struggles with drug abuse.

Although Ms. Lee regarded her voice as "weak and a little out of tune," she enjoyed a long run of top-selling albums, including "Rita Lee" (1979) and "Rita Lee and Roberto de Carvalho" (1982). Dozens of her songs were featured in widely watched telenovelas in Latin America. The behemoth television network Globo used her rendition of the song "Poison Weed" in three of its programs.

"I was not born to get married and wash underwear. I wanted the same freedom as the boys who used to play in the street with their toy cars," she told the Brazilian edition of Rolling Stone in 2008. "When I got into music, I realized that the 'machos' reigned absolute, even more in rock music. 'Wow,' I said, 'this is where I'm going to let my fangs out and, literally, give them a hard time.'"

She was a singer and songwriter praised for her versatility, playing at least five instruments: drums, guitar, piano, harmonica and autoharp. She was also one of the first Brazilian musicians to use electric guitar.

Eventually her popularity extended beyond Brazil. She performed in Portugal, England, Spain, France and Germany. In 1988, the British newspaper Daily Mirror revealed that Prince Charles admired her 1981 song "Lança Perfume" ("Spray Perfume") and considered her his favorite singer. She won a Latin Grammy in the Best Portuguese Language Album category in 2001 for her album "3001."

Rita Lee Jones was born in São Paulo on Dec. 31, 1947, the daughter of immigrants from Italy and the United States. Her father's family, which moved to Brazil soon after the Civil War, retained many American customs, including speaking English at home, according to a biographical sketch in Contemporary Musicians.

Ms. Lee rose to fame with the group os Mutantes (the Mutants), starting in 1966. Colors and creativity, as well as irony and irreverence, were Ms. Lee's trademarks from the start. By the mid-1970s, after selling 200,000 copies of the 1975 album "Forbidden Fruit," Ms. Lee began to be called the "queen of rock" on the music scene.

In an interview with the music website I Have More Records Than Friends! in 2017, Lulu Santos, judge of the Brazilian version of "The Voice," recalled seeing Ms. Lee play autoharp at a concert.

"She brought that thing onstage, in those clothes … it was completely mythological," the musician said. "There really is a lineage of 'girls' tied to rock in Brazil, of which she is a legitimate representative. But I see her as an element that distances herself from the clichés of rock. She, from her feminine point of view, sees the clumsiness of the worn-out cliché of the male rocker, the one who plays with his legs open. She saw right through him."

She was one of the first public figures in Brazil to popularize feminist themes, such as infusing the lyrics of her 1979 song "Mania de Voce" ("Mania for You") with female sexuality and pleasure. Similar songs followed, such as "Amor e Sexo" ("Love and Sex"), which contrasted the two in detail, and "Lança Perfume," an ode to unbridled hedonism.

Later in life she became a vegan and animal rights activist. For decades, she kept her hair bright red and often wore matching glasses, a popular look that she discarded in recent years as she allowed her gray to grow out. She resolved in 2015 to reinvent herself as a white butterfly.

In her autobiography, published the following year, she described the sexual abuse she suffered as a child at the hands of a man who had come to fix her mother's sewing machine.

She also referred to herself as a "rebel" and "hippie communist" and wrote of sneaking out the windows of her house as a teenager to play, being arrested during the dictatorship for possession of marijuana, and her multiple stints in rehab clinics for drugs and alcohol.

"I recognize that my best songs were written in an altered state, and my worst too. I only regret my delay in realizing that the 'medicine' had long since expired," she wrote. "My generation suffered the claustrophobia of a brutal dictatorship, and using drugs was a way to breathe airs of freedom."



NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

Rita Lee in 2002. "I was not born to get married and wash underwear," she said.

In an interview with the television program "Fantastico" in 2020, she explained that physical frailty had prompted her to leave the stage eight years earlier.

"Getting old, for me, was a surprise, because I've never been old in my life," she told the show. "I was left wanting to live my old age away from the stage, without sharing it with the public."

Survivors include three children and her husband, musician Roberto do Carvalho, with whom she shared a 44-year musical partnership. In 2021 they released a new song, "Change," and a remix of some of the singer's biggest hits.

Years before, she imagined her death: "I will be in heaven," she wrote, "with my soul present playing my autoharp and singing to God, 'Thank you, Lord, finally sedated.' Epitaph: She was never a good example, but she was good people."

Washington Post staff contributed to this report.

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The members of the DC Firefighters Association, Local #36, regret to announce the death of Active Brother Carl F. Braxton on May 8, 2023. Brother Braxton graduated out of Cadet Class 17 and was appointed to the DC Fire and EMS Department on April 5, 2015. Firefighter Braxton was assigned to Engine Company 22 at the time of his passing. A Celebration of Life will occur on Monday, May 22, 2023 at All Nations Worship Assembly DC, 4703 Marlboro Pike Capitol Heights, MD. A viewing will be held at 10 a.m. and the Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m. Interment will proceed at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, MD.

CHRISTIAN

FRANCES E. CHRISTIAN
(Age 88)

On March 29, 2022, Frances E. Christian of DC, daughter of the late Frank and Pearl Fleming and wife of the late William F. Christian, passed away peacefully at her residence in Brooksville, FL. Survived by daughter, Lennie A Jordan of Maryland. Memorial Service will be held on June 2, 2023 at 2nd Baptist Church, 816 3rd St. NW, Washington, DC, 20001. Wake 10 to 11 a.m. Service 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Special Olympics.

DEATH NOTICE

GOLIN

STEVE J. GOLIN

Steven Joseph Golin passed away on May 10, 2023, at age 66. He was above all a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

Steve had a passion for his family, the outdoors, his mountain home, and his industry. He was often described as passionate and a "force". He was friendly and outgoing, filling any room with his special brand of energy. His family, friends and co-workers thought the world of him.

Steve is survived by his wife, Karen, his sons, Dan and Sean, his sister, Linda, and his grandchildren, Samantha, Henry, Leah and Emma.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in his name can be made to the University of Iowa Center for Advancement Neurosurgery research fund. All funds will help to support pediatric research in overlooked and rare craniocervical conditions similar to the one affecting his grandson, Henry. Donation Link: givetoiowa.org/neurosurgeryfund

GRIES

DAVID GRIES
David Gries, who served the CIA in Asia and on the National Intelligence Council, dies at 90

David Dauby Gries, Asia expert at the CIA, died on April 4, 2023. He was 90. Son of Lincoln and Lillian Gries, he was born on May 8, 1932 in Akron, Ohio. Gries attended Hotchkiss and Yale.

A 35-year veteran of the CIA, Gries served in the 1960s and 1970s in Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and Beijing, where he was station chief. In the 1980s, Gries served as National Intelligence Officer for East Asia, and as the CIA's Director of Congressional Affairs during the Iran-Contra Affair, earning praise from US Senator Sam Nunn for carrying out "difficult tasks with great professionalism." He later served as Vice President of the National Intelligence Council, writing the President's daily intelligence brief. Retiring from the CIA in 1994, he was honoured with the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

Gries later founded Asian Strategies Group, a China consultancy, and China Vitae, an online biographical database of Chinese VIPs. Gries also served his local community, founding Little Falls Village, an aging in place community in Bethesda.

Gries valued family, curating and publishing online his grandfather Moses Gries' sermons. Rabbi Gries was a leader of American Reformed Judaism.

David Gries is survived by his wife Susan; his sister Jean Homeier; and two children, Caroline and Peter. A third child, Susannah, died in 2017. He is also survived by two stepchildren, Susan and Colin Thomas, and seven grandchildren.

Services were private.

LANG

GERALD S. LANG

Gerald Lang of Rockville, MD passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. He was 92. Beloved husband of the late Florence T. Lang; devoted father of Jeffrey (Nancy), Andrew (Lisa), Corey, Michael (Eileen), and Steven (Stephanie); cherished grandfather of Garrett, Adam, Ashley (John), Tyler, Brandon, Darryl, Joshua, Kyle, Allyson, Megan, Jakob, Lexi and Fiona; loving great-grandfather of Ella. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Graveside services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gerald's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation (alzfdn.org). Mr. Gerald Lang was an Army veteran and spent his entire working career fighting for veteran's rights for the Veterans Administration. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.
www.SagelBloomfield.com

RUSSELL



VIRGINIA COLUMBINE RUSSELL

Virginia Columbine Russell died at home on April 18, 2023. Virginia was born on January 17, 1930 in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of Oscar and Giula (Chambers) Robinson. She married Lt. David C. Russell on August 7, 1948 and enjoyed a career as an Army Wife. Throughout her life she was active in various volunteer activities including Girl Scouts, Officers Wives Clubs, Reston Women's Club, and Daughters of the American Revolution. After her husband's retirement the couple traveled widely mostly in Europe, but also in Mexico. the Caribbean and Australia while Virginia was chairman of the DAR Units Overseas Committee and later chairman of the DAR Special Events Committee. She also served as chairman of the DAR Museum Docents' Committee. She was a member of the Vienna Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Virginia and the Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC.

In her last days Virginia was embraced by her family and many friends. She was predeceased by her husband, David Carrick Russell, Col. USA Retired. She is survived by two daughters, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren, as well as her bridge group and several "pseudo-daughters" whom she loved and mentored.

Donations may be sent to the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna, VA 22180 or the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

A Celebration of her life will be held on May 22, 2023 at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

SCHWARTZ



MORTON DONALD SCHWARTZ
(Age 80)

On May 18, 2023. Morton Donald Schwartz was born on June 26, 1942 to Abraham and Anna Schwartz in the Bronx, New York. After World War II, the family moved to a brand-new apartment home in Washington Heights, where Mort lived with his parents and sister Ellen until he went to graduate school in 1964. He was a genuine product of all that New York City offered: he attended The Bronx High School of Science, City College of New York (majoring in Economics), and grew up enjoying all the cultural advantages and riches the City has to offer.

In September 1964, Mort entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in a doctoral program in Economics. A new chapter of his life began when he met Mina Alexander. They fell in love and married on June 5, 1966. It was a very wonderful, loving, and enduring relationship.

Mort had a zest for life. He enjoyed broad interests in theater, cinema, music (from opera and symphony to rock and roll), and sports. In 1971, Mort and Mina began their family with their son Lowell and in 1973 their daughter Sara Alex was born. Mort was a warm and adoring father; there was nothing better for him than spending time together. The family ritual was sharing dinner and conversation on an almost daily basis. His life was enriched when Lowell married Debra Bernstein and Sara (Alex) married Rob Rossi. This led to the births of Mort's grandchildren: Kai, Ada, and Hana; they have brought so much joy and pride to his life.

Mort and Mina shared a fascination with travel. They visited 49 of the 50 States and visited countries on all continents except Antarctica. Mort was a great trip planner; he thoroughly researched each journey. His life was also enriched by close family and friends.

Mort had a long and varied career as an economist and an economics professor. His first position was as an instructor at Lawrence University in Wisconsin. He was a gifted teacher and won the Babcock award for best teacher. Through contacts in Wisconsin he met Senator William Proxmire, who recruited Mort to be his special assistant on economic matters. This brought Mort and the family to the Washington area where they bought a home in Silver Spring, MD, and resided for over 45 years. Mort worked for Senator Proxmire for 14 years, until he retired in 1988. Mort then was recruited to the Commerce Department as a special assistant to the Inspector General and had many fascinating assignments.

After retiring from the federal government, he returned to teaching, as an economics adjunct professor for ten years at the US Naval Academy and then overseas in Sofia, Bulgaria for the Soros Foundation and then as a Fulbright scholar in Sarajevo, Bosnia. His final teaching stint was as an instructor with the Osher program for adult learners.

One of Mort's long held passions was running. He ran on his high school and college track teams, and in later years ran many races and four grueling marathons. He also contributed to his Jewish community, Kehila Chadasha, as a board member and the head of Adult Education for several years.

Mort will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, 1 p.m. at the Judean Memorial Gardens Chapel, 16225 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, MD 20832.

Arrangements by Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc. under Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington Contract.

DEATH NOTICE

LEWIS

GAIL M. LEWIS

In the early hours of May 9, 2023, Gail M. Lewis made her journey to sit at the foot of God's throne. Born in London, WV on September 21, 1947, Gail was the middle child of Robert and Ernestine Murry. She is survived by two children Tori (Kwame) and Landon; and three grandchildren Jasmine, Malik, and Khalia; and one great-grandchild Mazeke. Celebration of her life will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023 at Second Baptist Church (SW), 5501 Silver Hill Road, District Heights, Maryland 20747, Viewing, 10 a.m.; Service, 11 a.m. Interment National Harmony Memorial Park. Services entrusted to J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home.

PICKETT

VIRGINIA HARRIETTE PICKETT

Virginia Harriette Pickett, 77, a lifelong resident of Arlington, entered the Lord's Kingdom on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. "Ninny" loved many and was loved by many!!! She is survived by sisters Mary Ellen Fox (Clay), Judith Johnston (Roger), Katherine McCollum; niece, Stephanie A Fox (Eric, great nephews Wes and Guthrie). Services private. Condolences may be sent to Mary Ellen Fox of 2711 Penrose Drive, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23235.

SCOTT



JUNIUS W SCOTT

On Monday, May 1, 2023, Junius W. Scott, 89, departed this earthly life in Washington, DC.
Family and friends will gather for visitation on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Rehoboth Baptist Church, 621 Alabama Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20032 at 10 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m.
Interment will follow at Maryland National Cemetery in Laurel, MD.
www.briscoe-tonicfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

TOMCZYK



ALFRED JOHN TOMCZYK
LTC USA (RET.) (Age 87)

On Saturday, May 13, 2023 of Alexandria, VA. Beloved husband of the late Roberta Teresa Tomczyk; cherished father of Mary Elizabeth "MaryBeth" Keller (Brian), Roseann Teresa Caceda (Andy) and Stephen Alfred Tomczyk (Ellen); grandfather of Joshua, Thomas and Grace Keller, Isabella and Andy Caceda, Jr. and Taylor, Drew and the late Cole Tomczyk. He will be missed by many. Relatives and friends may call for visitation at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315, on Thursday, May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302, on Friday, May 19 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the Wounded Warrior Project. Please view and sign the family guestbook at
www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

DEATH NOTICE

AWKWARD



DOROTHY ELAINE AWKWARD

Entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Alvin W Awkward; two daughters, Pamela McAlpine and Cheryl Davis; son, Marc Davis; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Jackie Lawrence; brother, William Carson and a host of other relatives and friends. Mrs. Awkward will lie in state at St. Lucille AME Zion Church, 5100 Astor Pl., SE on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment at Cheltenham Veteran on May 31, 2023.
www.stewartfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

HUANG



YIAU-MIN HUANG

Yiau-Min Huang, 85 of Rosslyn, Virginia passed away May 8, 2023, peacefully in her home.

Yiau-Min was born January 1, 1938, in Putian, China and moved with her parents and siblings to Taipei, Taiwan and then to the United States. Yiau-Min devoted her time to science, entomology and the taxonomic study of mosquitoes. As an aspiring researcher, she joined the Smithsonian Institution in the 1960s as one of the original staff members of the Southeast Asian Mosquito Project – a project established between the Smithsonian and the US Army. Subsequently, she was a Research Associate for the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and the Walter Reed Biosystematics Unit. Her career with the Smithsonian took her all over the world to meet colleagues, conduct field work and publish her research including over 50 scientific publications from 1968 to 2018. Even after Yiau-Min formally retired, she continued to conduct research and publish papers for the Smithsonian as well as tutor students and emerging researchers around the world.

Yiau-Min's passion for research was exceeded only by her enjoyment of spending quality time with her two siblings and extended family in Houston and on the West Coast. A common theme of these family visits included enjoying her sister's home cooking, listening to her brother's stories and staying up late chatting in their local dialect. When family would visit Yiau-Min from out of town, the mandatory stops always included the Smithsonian Museum complex, the US National Arboretum and the Tidal Basin during the Cherry Blossom Festival. No visit would be complete without enjoying a meal at Peking Gourmet Inn in Falls Church!

Yiau-Min was preceded in death by her parents and older siblings, Jian Min and Shin Min.

Yiau-Min is survived by her sister-in-law, Jeannie, and her two children: Julie, William and wife Annie; and brother-in-law, Wei Chuan, and his three children: David and wife Heidi, Albert and wife Jamie and Martin.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorials may be made by gifting a Smithsonian membership or supporting a youth program to inspire the next generation of students and researchers.

A private family funeral service will be held in Houston, Texas, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home. A memorial service will be scheduled in Virginia / Washington DC in the summer.

Arrangements entrusted to Advent Funeral Home in Falls Church, Virginia, and Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home in Houston, Texas.

POMS



BRENDA LOUISE POMS
JANUARY 10, 1941 - MAY 14, 2023

Of McLean, Virginia. It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved Brenda (fondly known as Bonnie) Poms. Bonnie was loved by everyone who knew her as a beautiful, smart, generous and straight-shooting woman with an impeccable sense of humor.

Bonnie leaves behind two brothers, Allan Poms (Lili) and her twin Bryan Poms and a sister, Joy Bojan; as well as several nieces and nephews: Mark Bojan (Janet), Scott Bojan (Leslie), Doug Poms (Mark), Eric Poms (Krista), Vicki Avissar (Jerry), Lori Sullivan and Dee Poms (Kat), and many great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Sam Poms, her mother, Freida Poms, and brother-in-law, Louis Bojan. Bonnie loved her family dearly.

Bonnie had a zest for life and always aimed for perfection in everything she did. Very early in her career, she demonstrated a high aptitude in computer science during the emergence of technology in the l960's. She worked for the U.S. Federal Government and developed invaluable software design skills. She joined the private sector at Computer Sciences Corporation and later became a senior analyst, gaining the respect of all who worked with her. As a part of her job, Bonnie traveled to Europe, Hawaii and other exciting locations.

Bonnie had many other talents and hobbies including interior design and always maintained a strong fashion sense. Her beautiful home reflected her design skills while her colorful wardrobe demonstrated her incomparable style as the "cool" and "hip" aunt, at times wearing go-go boots and miniskirts. She was always willing to help others in decorating, and dress, and was an expert shopper. She loved her friends and sharing good meals together; dining out was a favorite pastime. Bonnie was especially an avid cinema fan and enjoyed spending her leisure time going to movies with family and friends and discussing them afterward. She was also an adoring dog lover.

The family extends a special thanks to Felicia Manu, her devoted friend, caretaker and co-adventurer for 12 years, who has become a beloved part of the family.

Services were held. Donations may be made in Brenda's name to the American Humane Society or the American Cancer Society.

SIENKNECHT



JUDITH CURTIS SIENKNECHT
MSW, LCSW

Judith Curtis Sienknecht MSW, LCSW, was called home by our Lord on May 12, 2023, surrounded by her family. Originally from Buffalo, NY, she is now reunited in heaven with her parents Glen and Margaret Curtis, brother Glen Curtis, sister Joyce Milliman, and many other cherished ones. Her legacy of love includes her husband of 53 years, Ronald T. Sienknecht; son Ted and daughter-in-law Esther with grandchildren Lukas and Annelise Sienknecht; daughter Melissa and son-in-law Marten Wallace with step-grandchildren Marty, Landon, and Eli; as well as many dear relatives and friends. We are blessed that Jesus allowed her light to shine before others for 79 years. She showed her faith through her works as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and in her called profession as a pastoral counselor. For almost three decades, she lifted people up as a hospice social worker and counselor in private practice in Northern Virginia. We will miss her ever-present love, kindness, intelligence, and humor. Her memorial service will be Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna, VA. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area or Capital Caring Hospice.

DEATH NOTICE

JOHNSON



WOODIE JOHNSON III

Woodie "Chuckie" Johnson III, born April 9, 1961 passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 7, 2023. He was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Boston Technical High School in 1978. Woodie went on to earn a Bachelor of the Arts & Sciences degree from Georgetown University, from which he also earned his law degree in 1985. Woodie worked at a number of law firms across the country from Washington, DC, Boston to Los Angeles. He was proficient in a variety of areas of the law and would offer his services to anyone in need. A private funeral service for the family will be live streamed at Stewart Funeral Home on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 2 p.m. Memorial service will be held at Georgetown University at a later date. Interment is private.

RICHARDSON



IDA L. RICHARDSON
Celebration of Life
Sister of Julia F. Edwards
Service held May 20, 2023 at 11 a.m,
Mt. Horeb Baptist Church
2914 Bladensburg Rd., NE, Washington, DC
No Flowers, Please

SMITH



VICTORIA R. SMITH

Victoria R. Smith peacefully transitioned to her eternal home on Friday, May 12, 2023. She leaves to cherish her memories two loving daughters LaToria and Jermesha Nicole Smith, devoted mother Pearl Smith, one brother Frank Smith, one son-in-law John Wagstaff, six grandchildren, and a host of many other relatives and friends. Visitation Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. until hour of service 11 a.m. at The House of Praise, 5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20019. Interment National Harmony Memorial Park.
www.johnsonandjenkinsfh.com

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(PER DAY)

MONDAY-SATURDAY
Black & White
1" - $155 (text only)
2" - $355 (text only)
3" - $505
4" - $555
5" - $700

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Black & White
1"- $185 (text only)
2" - $390 (text only)
3" - $560
4" - $590
5" - $765

6"+ for ALL Black & White notices
$155 each additional inch Mon - Sat
$185 each additional inch Sunday

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Color
3" - $650
4" - $700
5" - $855

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Color
3" - $685
4" - $785
5" - $955

6"+ for ALL color notices
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Another day of (mostly) sunshine

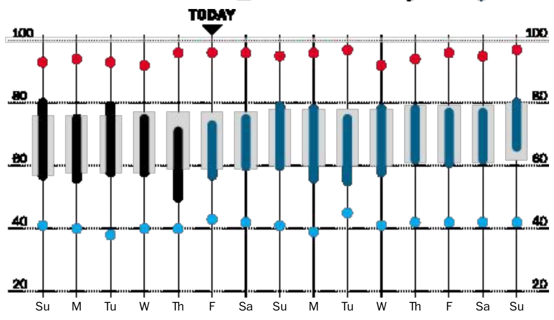


Expect a few clouds even as sunshine wins out, with high temperatures in the lower to mid-70s. Winds at roughly 10 mph will come from the south.

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly sunny	T-storm	Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
73° 57°	75° 60°	79° 60°	78° 56°	75° 55°	78° 58°
FEELS*: 75°	FEELS: 76°	FEELS: 81°	FEELS: 84°	FEELS: 79°	FEELS: 82°
CHNCE PRECIP: 0%	P: 65%	P: 5%	P: 15%	P: 10%	P: 10%
WIND: SE 8–16 mph	W: S 6–12 mph	W: NNW 7–14 mph	W: NE 7–14 mph	W: E 7–14 mph	W: SSW 4–8 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Low	H: Low	H: Low	H: Low

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Temperatures

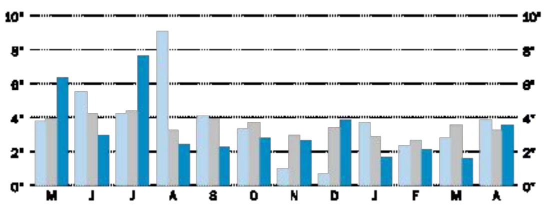


Statistics through 5 p.m. Thursday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	71° 3:00 p.m.	70° 3:07 p.m.	71° 3:29 p.m.
Low	50° 6:00 a.m.	46° 5:03 a.m.	47° 6:00 a.m.
Normal	77°/59°	75°/54°	76°/54°
Record high	96° 1877	91° 1987	97° 1962
Record low	40° 1973	33° 1973	35° 1973

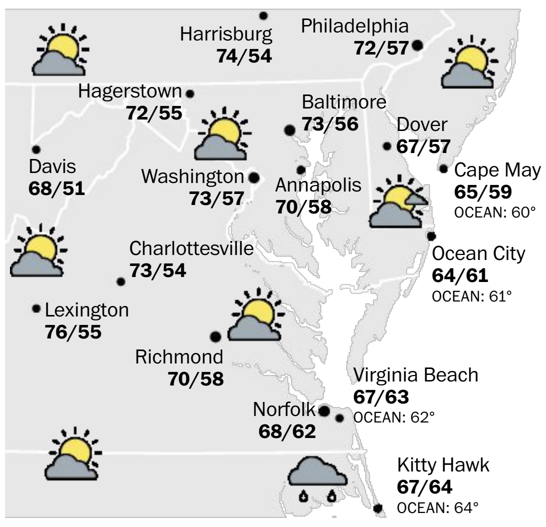
Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.3°** yr. to date: **+4.0°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.26"	0.75"	0.40"
Normal	2.27"	2.68"	2.17"
Total this year	9.14"	9.25"	9.87"
Normal	14.46"	15.20"	15.55"

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass High
Trees High
Weeds Low
Mold Moderate

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Very High
8 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, clouds breaking for partly sunny. High 54 to 65. Winds south-southeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 50 to 55. Winds south-southwest 6–12 mph. Saturday, cloudy, a thunderstorm. High 60 to 64. Winds west-southwest 7–14 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly cloudy, breezy; a shower in the south. High 64 to 68. Winds east-southeast 10–20 mph. Tonight, cloudy; periods of rain; however, dry in central parts. Low 59 to 63. Winds east 6–12 mph.

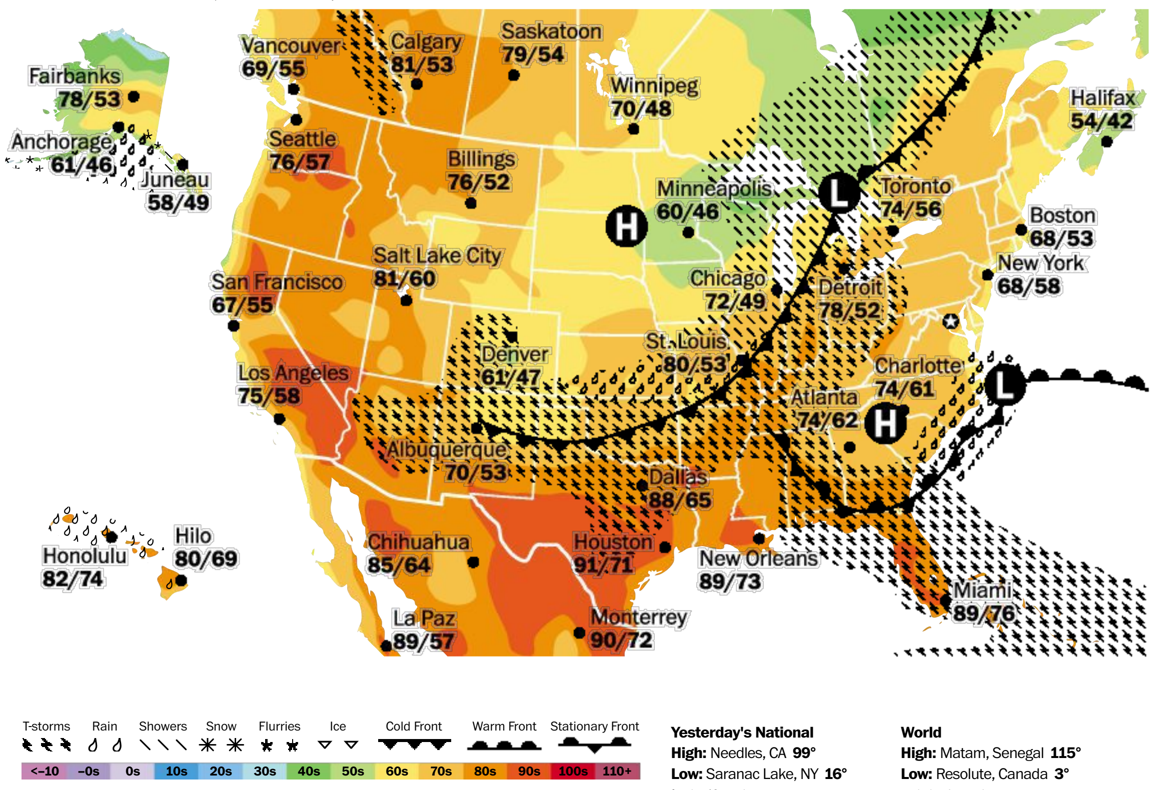
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind southeast 7–14 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility unrestricted. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly cloudy. Wind southeast 8–16 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 1–3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.80 feet today, falling to 3.70 Saturday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	3:00 a.m.	**8:28 a.m.**	3:51 p.m.	**9:03 p.m.**
Annapolis	**5:57 a.m.**	12:36 p.m.	**5:51 p.m.**	11:41 p.m.
Ocean City	2:08 a.m.	**7:55 a.m.**	1:57 p.m.	**8:19 p.m.**
Norfolk	4:14 a.m.	**10:07 a.m.**	4:01 p.m.	**10:27 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**1:44 a.m.**	8:53 a.m.	**1:56 p.m.**	7:39 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **99°**
Low: Saranac Lake, NY **16°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Matam, Senegal **115°**
Low: Resolute, Canada **3°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	73/53/pc	68/55/sh
Albuquerque	70/53/t	74/55/t
Anchorage	61/46/sh	60/44/pc
Atlanta	74/62/pc	78/63/t
Austin	90/66/t	83/66/t
Baltimore	73/56/pc	77/60/sh
Billings, MT	76/52/pc	81/52/c
Birmingham	79/68/t	79/63/t
Bismarck, ND	68/41/pc	79/50/pc
Boise	90/58/s	92/60/s
Boston	68/53/pc	63/58/r
Buffalo	75/60/c	62/51/r
Burlington, VT	75/57/pc	72/55/sh
Charleston, SC	79/62/c	84/68/t
Charleston, WV	81/61/s	71/47/t
Charlotte	74/61/pc	82/63/t
Cheyenne, WY	59/41/pc	71/45/s
Chicago	72/49/sh	67/51/s
Cincinnati	78/57/t	70/49/pc
Cleveland	75/56/t	64/50/pc
Dallas	88/65/t	78/62/c
Denver	61/47/t	71/49/t
Des Moines	66/45/c	72/53/s
Detroit	78/52/t	65/48/pc
El Paso	89/64/s	81/61/t
Fairbanks, AK	78/53/s	74/48/pc
Fargo, ND	62/42/pc	75/52/pc
Hartford, CT	70/52/pc	64/58/r
Honolulu	82/74/sh	84/77/r
Houston	91/71/pc	86/71/t
Indianapolis	80/51/t	69/49/s
Jackson, MS	87/66/t	85/64/t
Jacksonville, FL	84/67/t	86/69/t
Kansas City, MO	69/47/c	71/50/s
Las Vegas	95/75/pc	91/72/pc
Little Rock	87/66/t	78/57/s
Los Angeles	75/58/pc	76/59/pc
Louisville	80/62/t	72/54/s
Memphis	85/66/t	75/57/pc
Miami	89/76/t	89/75/t
Milwaukee	68/48/sh	67/53/s
Minneapolis	60/46/pc	72/54/s
Nashville	79/65/t	75/53/pc
New Orleans	89/73/pc	91/73/t
New York City	68/58/pc	68/57/r
Norfolk	68/62/c	76/63/c
Oklahoma City	72/54/t	72/54/pc
Omaha	70/44/pc	74/50/s
Orlando	92/72/t	91/72/t
Philadelphia	72/57/pc	72/59/sh
Phoenix	91/75/t	95/77/pc
Pittsburgh	76/58/pc	66/48/sh
Portland, ME	63/48/s	62/54/sh
Portland, OR	83/58/c	79/57/pc
Providence, RI	66/53/pc	64/57/r
Raleigh, NC	74/60/c	82/62/t
Reno, NV	88/58/s	88/60/c
Richmond	70/58/pc	78/61/t
Sacramento	84/55/s	83/55/s
St. Louis	80/53/t	73/55/s
St. Thomas, VI	87/78/pc	86/79/sh
Salt Lake City	81/60/s	86/63/s
San Diego	69/61/c	70/61/pc
San Francisco	67/55/pc	65/56/c
San Juan, PR	88/76/pc	87/75/sh
Seattle	76/57/pc	75/51/pc
Spokane, WA	87/62/pc	88/62/s
Syracuse	76/56/c	65/49/sh
Tampa	91/76/t	92/76/t
Wichita	68/47/r	75/50/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	72/55/sh	74/55/pc
Amsterdam	65/50/pc	66/54/pc
Athens	74/59/s	77/64/pc
Auckland	68/58/pc	63/56/sh
Baghdad	107/73/pc	97/74/t
Bangkok	103/82/pc	103/83/pc
Beijing	77/55/sh	79/58/pc
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Bogota	71/51/r	67/52/sh
Brussels	64/48/pc	65/52/pc
Buenos Aires	65/53/r	61/56/pc
Cairo	84/64/s	85/68/s
Caracas	78/64/c	77/64/t
Copenhagen	59/46/pc	62/51/pc
Dakar	81/73/pc	81/73/s
Dublin	62/46/pc	61/49/pc
Edinburgh	63/44/pc	63/51/pc
Frankfurt	67/52/pc	67/56/pc
Geneva	62/52/sh	66/54/pc
Ham., Bermuda	74/68/pc	75/68/pc
Helsinki	64/41/s	71/44/s
Ho Chi Minh City	98/81/t	93/80/t
Hong Kong	90/81/t	89/80/t
Islamabad	95/70/s	100/74/s
Istanbul	67/56/sh	69/57/pc
Jerusalem	71/56/pc	71/53/pc
Johannesburg	67/38/s	64/42/s
Kabul	80/53/s	81/60/c
Kingston, Jam.	89/79/pc	90/78/t
Kolkata	98/83/t	98/83/t
Kyiv	74/56/s	73/51/sh
Lagos	88/78/t	87/77/t
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Toronto	74/56/c	62/49/r
Vienna	63/48/c	74/54/sh
Warsaw	60/51/c	73/51/pc

Moon Phases

May 19	May 27	June 3	June 10
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:52 a.m.	8:17 p.m.
Moon	5:39 a.m.	8:42 p.m.
Venus	8:43 a.m.	11:52 p.m.
Mars	10:09 a.m.	12:46 a.m.
Jupiter	4:37 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Saturn	2:27 a.m.	1:24 p.m.

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Racist email doesn't represent team, former coach says

EMAIL FROM **B1**

against certain races of people, the last two years have shown that this is just not something that has worked out," the email reads. "Our school and history of coaches have been predominantly white. Many of the girls were shocked to see another coach last season with such dark and strong features."

The email surfaced earlier this month when Oakton Principal Jamie Lane sent a letter to the school's cheer community outlining her concerns about the hateful message.

"I believe that the only way to address acts of hate and racism are to call them out and to reaffirm that there is no place for these beliefs in our school," Lane said in the letter.

On May 8, Lane sent a note to the entire school community informing parents and students about an email with "racist and hate-filled language and ideologies" sent to the cheer coach. Lane said the school's technology staff tried to identify the sender but was unsuccessful.

"FCPS works hard each day to create a school environment where all students and staff are valued and feel accepted and supported. We condemn all hateful behavior," Julie Moult, a district spokeswoman, said in a statement Wednesday about its investigation.

Fairfax County Public Schools — Virginia's largest school district — does not track incidents of bias or hate. But, according to the county's police department, the most recent data shows there was about a 66 percent increase in bias crimes and incidents, also known as hate crimes, reported during the three-year period of 2018 to 2020 compared with the previous period, 2015 to 2017.

"Regardless of the outcome of the investigation of this hateful message, we must ensure that our communities, including our schools, are safe places for all to live and learn," Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Michelle Reid said in a message to schools on Wednesday evening. "Together, we must stand up and say in one voice, 'enough!'"

Dabrio, who coached for the first time last year after about 10 years of cheering, said she was not contacted by the school about the situation until May 11, when the school's athletic director left her a voice mail alluding to the incident and checking on her.

"I felt like they don't care. I felt very unprotected, and I was blindsided," Dabrio said. "And they're really only concerned about their image and how they're perceived."

The school district declined an interview request with Oakton's principal, and messages to the current cheer coach and several other former cheer coaches were not returned.

Dabrio said she decided to leave the team after one of the athletes took an unprompted photo of Dabrio talking to another athlete from the sidelines and posted it on social media with a threatening caption. Dabrio said she informed the school's athletic director about the post and the cheerleader was ejected from the game.

But, Dabrio said, she never felt that there was a culture of racism during her time as coach. She emphasized that the sentiment of the anonymous email was not representative of the team.

Since the email surfaced, some of the athletes and their parents have reached out to share their support, Dabrio said.

"At the end of the day, all these girls want to do is cheer," Dabrio said. "All I wanted to do was support them and do what they love for them. And for this — to reflect on them saying that this is how they feel — I don't believe that that's how those girls feel."

Kim Darwaza, whose daughter was on the team last year, said she was shocked by the email and had never heard those kinds of views from other cheerleaders or parents on the team.

"It's disturbing," Darwaza said. "It makes the cheer team look bad, and we have never had any of these issues."

The Fairfax County branch of the NAACP has been helping Dabrio navigate the situation. The organization issued a statement Wednesday calling on the Fairfax school system to commission a third-party investigation into the letter and the "long-standing culture of racism."

"Nearly two months have passed and FCPS is no closer to ascertaining the identity of the email's author, and to date there has been no significant action taken to assure the safety of the athletes on the Cheer team," the statement reads.

Thoraia Hussein, president of the school's PTSA, said the email was shocking, but she was not surprised by the hate in the letter. She said that as a Muslim woman from Sudan, she's heard remarks from other parents about her race. There's been an ongoing culture of prejudice at Oakton, she said.



COURTESY OF FAITH DABRIO

Faith Dabrio coached the Oakton High School cheer team from August through November. An email sent to the new coach expressed concerns about the race of previous coaches, including Dabrio.

"I think this was a wake-up call for the principal," Hussein said.

The anonymous email says the author's concerns about Black cheer coaches have "fallen on deaf ears from Administration for years."

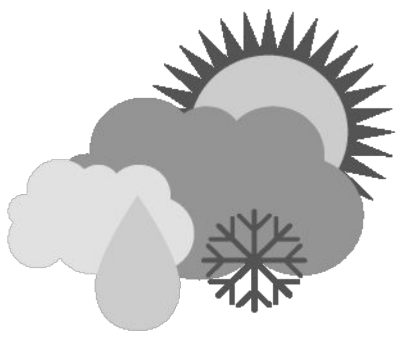
Moult did not answer specific questions about whether any previous bias or hate incidents had been reported to school officials.

The school system's student rights and responsibilities guide says the division is committed to responding to all complaints of discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, to stop and prevent it from happening again. However, the policy applies only to students and not parents or outside community members.

The school board has been considering a proposal to add updated definitions of discriminatory harassment to the guide as well as a bias and discrimination reporting tool to allow students and families to report incidents in which they feel they have experienced bias or discrimination.

Dabrio is in school studying elementary education with plans to become a teacher. She said she recognizes that it will be a difficult road, but this has not discouraged her from moving forward with her plans.

"I do believe because I am a Black woman, I am going to have those adversities when it comes to teaching in the classroom," Dabrio said. "But I also know that the color of my skin does not define how I do my job at the end of the day, and my passion is teaching."



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Where 'Succession' imitates life

The HBO series may not mirror the Murdochs, but it hews close to Fox News's machinations

BY ALAN RUSBRIDGER

ESSAY

"Life," wrote Oscar Wilde in a famous essay in 1891, "imitates Art far more than Art imitates Life." After 37 episodes of "Succession," many of us may be forgiven for losing touch with which is which.

Take the latest episode: A knife-edge election night, almost too close to call, with suspicion of skulduggery at the ballot boxes. A leading news channel prepares to make a crucial intervention. There are back-channel conversations with the leading candidates. There's the implication that a timely endorsement could be rewarded with favors down the line.

Is that ATN — the right-leaning news network owned by Logan Roy's media conglomerate, Waystar Royco, in "Succession" — or Rupert Murdoch's Fox News?

HBO's dark "comedy" (if that's the right word), about an aging and ruthless media baron who loves nothing more than making or breaking political careers as his children jostle for pole position when he dies, has long been interpreted as referring to the Murdochs, although showrunner Jesse Armstrong has said that "Succession" is about "no one family."

And in fact, the show's family dynamics have always resisted the parallel — even if you'd like to think that the ruthless Roman Roy is a version of Lachlan Murdoch, who won his father's real-life succession battle, or that the conniving Shiv Roy hardly seems to have much in common with Elisabeth Murdoch, who stepped away from the Murdoch empire well before Lachlan's final ascension.

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Clockwise from left, Fox's Lachlan Murdoch and Rupert Murdoch, and "Succession" characters Logan Roy (Brian Cox), Shiv Roy (Sarah Snook), Kendall Roy (Jeremy Strong) and Roman Roy (Kieran Culkin).



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The slow cracking of Greg the Egg

BY STEVE KOLOWICH

MEMO

There was a time, a haircut or two ago, when Cousin Greg had major reservations about ATN, the fictional right-wing news network and flagship operation of Waystar Royco, the media empire owned by the Roy family of HBO's "Succession."

"It's like — it's kind of against my principles?" Greg stammers to Tom Wambsgans (Matthew Macfadyen), his boss and cousin-in-law.

"Your *principles*?" Tom purrs through an amused grin. "You don't have *principles*."

Actually, Greg explains, he's against racism. Also? "Don't lie. Like, if you're the news."

If you've talked to any "Succession" skeptics about why they can't stomach the show, they might have argued that there's no character worth rooting for. To which you might reply: What about Cousin Greg?

Callow, hapless Greg Hirsch. Born with a misshapen body (hence his family nickname, "Greg the Egg") and a normal-shaped conscience, the gawky grandson of Logan Roy's moralizing brother has been the closest thing viewers have to a proxy inside the Roy family.

It would be a stretch to call him the show's moral center. When we first met Greg (Nicholas Braun), he was lying to his mom about the circumstances of his getting fired from a gig as a mascot at one of the family-owned theme parks. (He got

SEE **COUSIN GREG** ON **C3**

THEATER REVIEW

Photos of relaxing Nazis led to riveting play

'Blueberries' offers viewers wrenching context to genocide

BY PETER MARKS

A play starring ... research! Well, that sounds a little dry. Rest assured, though: "Here There Are Blueberries," the story of a real photo album depicting Nazis at leisure in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and killing center, is anything but.

It is, rather, a gripping exposé of the depraved human inclination to convince oneself that nothing is amiss when everything is in fact horrifically, monstrously wrong. Made compellingly theatrical by the virtuosic visual instincts of director Moisés Kaufman, this documentary drama reveals how ephemeral events — the purchase of a camera, the discovery of a discarded keepsake, the mailing of a letter — can align to enlighten the world.

What unfolds in Harman Hall — where Shakespeare Theatre Company is presenting the play by Kaufman's Tectonic Theater Project — is a meticulous illumination of the work of historians at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Seventeen years ago, a retired American counterintelligence officer in Virginia offered the mu-

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MOVIES IN WEEKEND



Fast X
★★☆☆
The franchise's 10th main entry keeps the dial turned to 11. **24**

The Starling Girl
★★★☆
A religious teen's desires come to unruly life in intimate drama. **25**

Other People's Children
★★★★
A woman bonds with her lover's daughter in incisive French film. **26**

So long, Mister, with all due respect

Wall Street Journal is latest to drop courtesy titles as a 'vestige'

BY ANNE BRANIGIN

The Wall Street Journal has gone the way of podcasts, cable news, broadcast news and publications such as the New Yorker, the Guardian and this very newspaper. Starting Wednesday, the Journal ceased using courtesy titles, such as Mr., Ms. and Mx.

Emma Tucker, the Journal's editor in chief, made the announcement Tuesday in a letter to staff. The newspaper shared Tucker's memo in a special edition of its "Style & Substance" column, noting that Journal editors have discussed taking this step "for several years."

"The Journal has been one of the few news organizations to continue to use the titles, under our long-held belief that Mr., Ms. and so forth help us to maintain a polite tone," Tucker wrote. "However, the trend among almost all newspapers and magazines has been to go without, as editors have concluded that the titles in news articles are becoming a vestige of a more-formal past, and that the flood of Mr., Ms., Mx. or Mrs. in

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Publications seek to loosen up, sidestep 'Ms. Thee Stallion' and 'Mr. Hitler'

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sentences can slow down readers' enjoyment of our writing."

"In addition, dropping courtesy titles is more in line with the way people communicate their identities. It puts everyone on a more-equal footing," Tucker continued.

The Journal's magazine, podcasts and videos were already forgoing courtesy titles before Tucker's announcement, as was its sports department ("To avoid stilted phrases such as, 'Mr. Curry made seven 3-pointers,'" Tucker wrote). The announcement follows the Journal's decision to drop the use of corporate designations (such as "Inc." and "Corp."), which was also done with the goal of keeping its writing "more streamlined, approachable and lively," she explained in the memo.

This may seem like a minor change to most readers — or perhaps a long-overdue one — but the use of courtesy titles has divided newsrooms and journalism schools for decades.

Honorifics — which also include reverend (Rev.), governor (Gov.) and sergeant (Sgt.) — were originally a nod to formality, signaling a certain level of respect for those notable enough to make news. Such hierarchical and political titles are still used on first reference in this and other papers, and, along with courtesy titles, on second reference in obituaries and editorials.

Most news outlets long ago abandoned courtesy titles in regular news stories, many of them taking their lead from the stylistically influential Associated Press's decision to strike them in 2000. The Journal's decision to follow suit leaves the New York Times as the most notable holdout remaining, though even the Times doesn't apply courtesy titles in all areas of its coverage.

"It's a way to give a publication an identity and a voice," said Aileen Gallagher, a journalism associate professor at Syracuse University. For the past 20 years, courtesy titles were a signal you were reading the Journal or the Times, Gallagher said. They were essential to how these publications saw themselves — "above the fray and leading civil discourse."

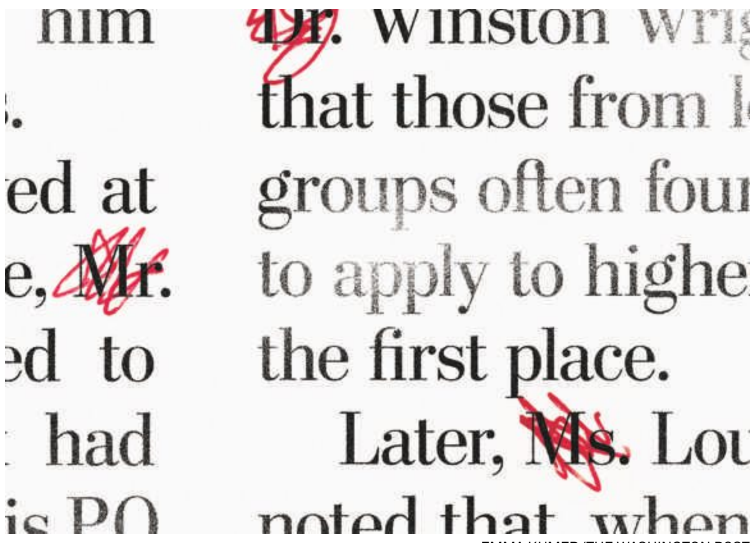
Or as the Times put it in its online style guide — essentially a linguistic bible for its reporters — the paper's style should call to mind "the unpretentious language of a letter to an urbane and literate friend."

Merrill Perlman, a former Times copy editor, remembers working on the 1999 version of the Times stylebook, where a (short) discussion arose about whether to continue using courtesy titles. "The answer was yes because it's a sign of civility," she said.

"Newspapers such as the Times are similar to dictionaries. They don't lead. They follow," added Perlman, who once supervised all of the Times's copy editors. "You don't make up words. You don't make up language constructs. They follow them once they have moved far enough into the mainstream."

But that raises a question: At what point does a paper fall too far behind a shifting culture?

Newspapers have been reckoning for decades with the online culture revolution: trying to keep their core identities while speaking to younger readers who might



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bristle at the focus a simple "Ms." puts on a person's gender, relationship status and even class.

While courtesy titles may appeal to the urbane among us, their usage can also get very complicated, very fast.

Would you be able to read an article about Megan Thee Stallion with a straight face if it called her Ms. Thee Stallion?

On the other hand, if the story called her Ms. Pete (her actual last name), would you be able to follow?

What about Ms. (Lady) Gaga? Legend has it that the Times once referred to the rock singer Meat Loaf as "Mr. Loaf." The paper did not, but it was a myth so sticky that the Times had to correct the record.

The primary reason to drop these titles has to do with accessibility, said Brian Cleveland, a deputy editor who oversees The Washington Post's style guide. "We want to be accessible to our readers and for The Post to feel relatable. Most people don't use honorifics in their regular life except in particularly formal circumstances, so it creates a barrier between us and our readers, and possibly between our readers and their ability to connect with our subjects."

Then there's the matter of which courtesy titles apply. Should you use "Dr." for PhDs as well as MDs? Should a minor get a Mr. or Ms.? Does an odious individual deserve courtesy at all? "Start with the very idea of 'Mr. Hitler' and work backward from there" is how former Post editor Bill Walsh put the conundrum in 2016.

Flip through any old newspaper style guide on courtesy titles (hey, some of us are into that kind of thing) and you'll find many rules, exceptions and conflicts.

"For a time, it seemed to me, a sort of anarchy reigned, with reporters deciding on their own whether a police officer should be referred to on second reference as chief, or lieutenant or sergeant," said Martin Weil, a Metro reporter who has worked for The Post since the 1960s.

Far from static emblems of civility, courtesy titles have evolved with society's changing prejudices and norms. They've been particularly fraught for women.

Old newspapers would often refer to women by their husband's names (for example, "Mrs. John Smith"). Reporters eventually progressed to using women's actual names but still insisted on classifying them by relationship status: "Mrs." for the married and "Miss" for the unwed. This practice was so pervasive at one point that Amelia Earhart felt it necessary to write New York Times publisher Arthur Hays Sulzberger, asking that she no longer be referred to as "Mrs. Putnam" in the paper.

Kathy Kiely, a professor at the Missouri School of Journalism and a longtime journalist, remembers the "utter mortification" of reporting in the 1970s — interviewing a woman who may have lost her children in a house fire, or who just made some big scientific discovery, and asking: "Are you married?"

"I usually tended to ask it toward the end, in case it made a woman so angry at me that I wouldn't be able to finish the interview," she said. This awkwardness never came up in interviews with male subjects. Most of them were just "Mr." — love life be darned.

Newspapers made another small step toward modernity in the 1970s and '80s, when they gradually introduced a universal "Ms." that let reporters sidestep the marriage question. Even this was considered too avant-garde by some.

"You would not believe the protests, the outrage: 'We can't do it. It's too hard to say,'" recalled Deborah Tannen, a professor of linguistics at Georgetown University. (In fact, the Times didn't embrace "Ms." until 1986.)

No amount of tweaking could solve the fundamental problem of courtesy titles, several journalists said. They always draw attention to an arbitrary aspect of a person's identity — such as whether they're nonbinary, in the case of Mx. They also assume the subject would refer to themselves that way.

"Those titles put people in boxes," said Gallagher. "That may not be how they think about themselves, or how they expect other people to call them or refer to them. It's a little bit disingenuous to sources, and especially when those sources are everyday people."

Most publications ultimately decided the easiest solution to the problem was to eliminate courtesy titles, with the Journal belatedly joining them this week. Now, the Gray Lady is nearly the last Ms. standing.

Perlman, the former Times editor, is now a freelance editor. She works on everything from white papers to nonfiction pieces.

Her personal view on courtesy titles?

"I'm agnostic."

Amy Argetsinger contributed to this report.

BOOK WORLD

'Berlin' captures joy of a new start while skewering bohemian self-discovery

BY CHARLES ARROWSMITH

Most of us have run away from ourselves at some point, maybe even spiraled in a foreign city. If you haven't, may you one day do so with the same self-delusional brio as the protagonist of "Berlin," Bea Setton's highly entertaining debut novel. In the course of this witty and unsettling romp, Setton locates the humor and pathos in personal crisis while nimbly sidestepping the perils of the coming-of-age travelogue. Bereft of the earnestness characteristic of many Bildungsromans, "Berlin" manages to be both light social comedy and dark psychological study.

Our heroine, Daphne Ferber, is unlucky in love and in need of a change. Three and a half years after breaking up with Sebastián, "a beautiful, beautiful boy from Colombia," a frustrating one-night stand with a handsome Norwegian sends her into a tailspin, and she quits her job as a barista in London to flee to Berlin. As she admits, "I've always found starting on a clean page more inviting than amending an imperfect first attempt."



BERLIN
By Bea Setton
Penguin.
254 pp. $17

Once installed in Berlin, she sets about learning German, navigating the city and making new friends. But all isn't rosy. Daphne finds herself unable to settle down in one apartment and frequently moves. We soon learn that Sebastián is in Berlin, too — with his new American girlfriend. The evidence mounts that Daphne may not be the greatest judge of character; indeed, she seems to attract trouble (one roommate is "very nice on the days she didn't take crystal meth"). When she awakes one night to the sound of shattering glass, she wonders if she's made an enemy. After her apartment is also broken into, Daphne once again hits the road, determined to leave her troubles behind, meet a handsome German man and have the full "Berlin Experience" that she so desires.

Daphne is a fabulous comic creation. A natural embroiderer — "I've never been very honest," she says, "because I don't want to be depressing" — she turns out to possess a volatile and corrupting combination of low self-esteem and raging ego. "I have been fending off prescriptions of antidepressants for most of my adult life," she observes, "because what I hate most about myself is tangled up with what I like best." She can be extremely judgmental of others — and of herself — but somehow usually comes out on top. At a party, she tells us, "this may come as a surprise, given my strange body and generally frumpy manner, but I am actually a pretty brilliant dancer."

Daphne fibs reflexively throughout, writing "I lied" as another might write "I said." She lies to be polite, to impress men and to hide that she neither works nor needs to. "If anyone did ask what I was doing, I'd lie and say I was au-pairing for a French family, or was on a funded Ph.D. program researching Schopenhauer's influence on the early Wittgenstein. This usually shut down any further questions." Though conscious of her compulsion to invent, she's unable to control it, and her disarming humor masks the extent to which she might be lying not just to the reader but to herself.

As the chapters zip by, the extent of Daphne's discontent becomes increasingly apparent, and behavior that at first reads as charmingly eccentric starts to seem troublesome. This is less obvious to Daphne herself; as she sagely observes, "The shock of self-recognition is hard to bear." But even when she meets a lovely German on a dating app, her lying threatens to undo her. Unlike Daphne, he doesn't suffer from the contemporary utopian itch — that nagging suspicion that you could always be thinner and living in a cooler city with cooler friends: "He accepted reality with ease and grace. He committed to and invested in his real life without fantasizing about the one he ought to be living."



Bea Setton

Berlin is an excellent venue for Daphne's particular crisis. Long a haven for experimentation and reinvention, it's the perfect location for a sendup of bohemian self-discovery. (I suspect many readers will know someone who speaks with misty eyes of what Daphne calls "the free-love YOLO Berlin experience.") Moreover, her self-involvement appears especially stark against the background of a city that carries such appalling historical freight. The Stolpersteine ("stumbling stones") that identify buildings from which Jewish families were removed in the 1930s and '40s are ubiquitous in Berlin — but it's not long before, Daphne admits, "I stopped noticing them altogether." This despite her friend Kat's penchant for casual antisemitism and the overt racism of her landlady. Daphne's obliviousness and privilege are tasteless — and revealing.

It's true that "Berlin" probably couldn't sustain much more action than it has; the promise and suspense in the writing aren't quite rewarded by incident or revelation. But it scarcely matters: It's written in funny, punchy vignettes perfect for consumption between U-Bahn stops, and a few hours in the presence of Daphne Ferber pay generous spiritual dividends.

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Photos offered unusual glimpse of Nazis at Auschwitz-Birkenau outside work

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seum an extraordinary photo album he had found in a trash bin in Germany at the end of World War II. The 116 pictures were of Nazi officers, soldiers and office workers at Auschwitz-Birkenau, lounging and laughing in the bucolic countryside on their days off. These included the photo that gave the play its title: It is the caption on one of the photographs, showing a group of camp staff members happily gorging on the fruit.

The find was remarkable, the play's real-life characters explain, because little photographic evidence has survived of the SS men who ran the camp and the young women who staffed the office from which communiqués were sent and received. But the donation also posed a moral dilemma for a museum founded as a repository of information about the victims of unspeakable Nazi atrocities: Should there be a place in the collection for depictions of mass murderers that portrayed them as ordinary humans?

It's a play, in other words, that Ken Burns fans can love. The ethical thrust of "Here There Are Blueberries" is spelled out in a lucid, straightforward style by Kaufman and co-author Amanda Gronich. The highly polished cast of eight portrays multiple roles, as the story shifts back and forth from the museum to modern-day Germany, where descendants of some of the officers confront the irrefutable facts of their relatives' crimes.

One such relative, played with compelling gravity by Maboud Ebrahimzadeh, comes forward to identify his grandfather, a camp



DJ COREY

From left, Scott Barrow, Nemuna Ceesay and Kathleen Chalfant in "Here There Are Blueberries," presented by Shakespeare Theatre Co.

doctor, in the photographs. Amid the obfuscation and denial of a nation that inflicted so much suffering, his response goes some way to helping us understand the museum's investment in authenticating the photos. In all its humdrum documentation of daily activity, this album on the flip side of horror somehow makes what was happening just out of camera range seem all the more hideous.

The story is recounted in such reverent tones that sometimes you might wish for a little more about how the stressful work affected the researchers, chiefly Elizabeth Stahlmann's Rebecca Erbelding, the historian who recognized the value of the album (and still works at the museum). She and her boss, Judy Cohen (played by Kathleen Chalfant), form an alliance of advocacy for the album, which they discover belonged to one Obersturmführer Karl Höcker, an aide to the camp's last commandant, Richard Baer.

Stahlmann and Chalfant are eloquent embodiments of curatorial objectivity: Perhaps, as the play's Erbelding explains, subjugating one's emotions is the only way to carry on such work effectively. That work is also what Kaufman and Gronich animate so vibrantly. Set designer Derek McLane, working with projections designer David Bengali and lighting designer David Lander, has devised a cool, serene mise-en-scène that captures the professional neutrality of the research team. Bengali and McLane find innovative ways to embed the photos in the narrative and, with sound designer Bobby McElver, manage to create a multisensory experience around them.

The first object we glimpse, though, is in three dimensions: a Leica camera, the then-newly invented, portable mechanism that popularized the recreational photography recounted in "Here There Are Blueberries."

This gives way to a stunning tableau of the researchers, each frozen at an examining table, each station lit from within. It's a moving, imagistic prologue, a stage picture that stays with you. You're a witness to history not being made but reclaimed.

I confess I'm the ideal audience for "Here There Are Blueberries," as a Jewish man who has spent his life obsessed with and endlessly grief-stricken over the play's concerns. That's one reason, but not the only reason, that I spent the 90 minutes in Harman Hall with my heart in my mouth.

Here There Are Blueberries, by Moisés Kaufman and Amanda Gronich. Conceived and directed by Kaufman. Sets, Derek McLane; costumes, Dede Ayite; lighting, David Lander; sound, Bobby McElver; projections, David Bengali. With Erika Rose, Nemuna Ceesay, Scott Barrow, Charlie Thurston, Grant James Varjas. About 90 minutes. Through May 28 at Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW. *shakespearetheatre.org*.

How 'Succession' is — and isn't — about Rupert Murdoch and Fox News

SUCCESSION FROM **C1**

But the corporate-political side of the show has hewed closer to real life, and Sunday's episode, which played like a rewrite of 2020's presidential election eve, was when the two storylines finally seemed to melt into a confusing amalgam of documentary and satirical drama.

Meanwhile, Murdoch's flagship channel just a month ago agreed — in real life — to a humiliating $787.5 million settlement in a lawsuit over Fox News's false claims that former president Donald Trump had been robbed of victory in the 2020 election through rigged voting machines.

The pretrial discovery process by the machines' manufacturer, Dominion Voting Systems, revealed an extraordinary trail of combustible internal emails and texts about the nail-biting night when Fox News's Decision Desk declared that the key state of Arizona would be won by Joe Biden. The language in some of these communications made "Succession" look quite tame.

The post-election lines between the Trump team and the Murdoch operation sizzled with fury and betrayal. Panicked over a loss of viewers to fringier right-wing channels, Fox executives tacitly allowed some of its presenters to spout wild conspiracy theories about a stolen election while knowing them to be utter nonsense, their emails suggest. Lachlan insisted that "the narrative" around a pro-Trump rally Nov. 14 "should be a huge celebration of the president."

That was real enough, but how could the screenwriters of "Succession," which started filming this final season in June 2022, have known? The answer is that they most likely couldn't, or at least not all of it: Their genius is to take real life and pump it up by, say, 20 percent. Only there are moments in the parallel Murdoch story that no screenwriter would dare invent or "improve."

"No brass on the battlefield" was Logan Roy's dictum before he died, supposedly discouraging family members from appearing on the newsroom floor, much less interfering with crucial editorial judgments. But by the end of "Succession's" election episode, there was a newsroom invasion of Roy children arguing furiously about whether to call it for Wisconsin and "gift" the momentum, if not the election itself, to alt-right candidate Jeryd Mencken. Who has, as it happens, ingratiated himself with Roman by hinting he might find a way of halting a deal that could take Waystar Royco out of family control.

All fiction, right?

Stepping gingerly back into real life, let's remind ourselves that Rupert Murdoch once swore under oath that he had "never asked a prime minister for anything." That's what he told the Leveson Inquiry set up to inquire into British journalistic ethics in the wake of the 2011 phone-hacking scandal, which — $1 billion later — is still clogging up the English courts with settlements for victims of intrusion. (They include Prince Harry, who might yet push the case all the way to a full hearing.)

No brass on the battlefield. Except that Murdoch also once conceded that "if you want to judge my thinking, look at the Sun." And the Dominion texts also showed Rupert to be closely involved in Fox's programming decisions around the election. In other words, the top brass will, indeed, instruct at least parts of the battlefield what to think.

The Leveson Inquiry — with all its thousands of pages of testimony and witness statements — was actually a rather good resource for understanding how the real-life Murdoch interacts with editors and politicians. It would have been a rich source of material for "Succession" (according to a recent Vanity Fair profile, part of Murdoch's recent divorce settlement with Jerry Hall was the stricture that she not give story ideas to the show's writers; that alone suggests how close to the shore they sailed).

There you can read the evidence of Kelvin MacKenzie, one of Murdoch's most successful newspaper editors, of the tabloid Sun. He told the inquiry about the obeisance that prime ministers would pay to Murdoch and his U.K. chief executive, Rebekah Brooks (later to be acquitted of phone hacking charges and reinstated to run British operations): "There was never a party, a breakfast, a lunch, a cuppa or a drink that [David] Cameron & Co would not turn up to in force if the Great Man or his handmaiden Rebekah Brooks was there. There was always a queue to kiss their rings. It was gut wrenching."

Sounds like the Roy family party depicted in the episode just before this one.

Or read the words of another hugely successful former Murdoch editor, Andrew Neil, a loyal lieutenant at both the Sunday Times and Sky. He told the Leveson Inquiry that a Labour minister confided to him that when it came to two major issues of public policy — Iraq and Europe — "Rupert Murdoch was the 24th member of the Blair cabinet."

Neil said that "Mr. Blair was almost certainly inclined to war anyway; but Mr. Murdoch was a powerful voice propelling him in that direction and overcoming any doubts. I understand that in the last days before the Iraq invasion began Mr. Blair spoke to Mr. Murdoch more often than he spoke to his defence or foreign secretaries."

Just like Logan Roy in his prime.

Logan, of course, is no longer with us, and whether "Succession" will choose to wrap up by appointing a new king is an open question. Back to real life where, according to a recent book by Paddy Manning, at least one Wall Street analyst believes that "it would be fair to assume Lachlan gets fired the day Rupert dies." Similarly, it's hard to imagine any of the inept Roy children reigning for long.

What is to come when the world's most powerful media tycoon finally shuffles off this mortal coil?

That's from "Hamlet," a work of fiction inspired by the medieval legend of Amleth, Prince of Denmark. Who now remembers the original prince? Is it possible that in years to come we will remember Logan Roy more than Rupert Murdoch? He somehow seems so much more believable.

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MACALL B. POLAY/HBO

Brian Cox plays Logan Roy, a character who has drawn comparisons to Rupert Murdoch.

Turns out, Greg the Egg's moral fortitude wasn't all it was cracked up to be

COUSIN GREG FROM **C1**

stoned before work and then vomited through the costume's eye holes after being beaten up by some children.) His mother asked him why, to avoid losing the job, he didn't pull rank as a member of the extended Roy family. Greg explained that he "didn't want to be an a--hole."

That, at least, distinguished Greg from his cousins and the other Waystar lifers. When Greg comes to New York and joins the family business (his mom's idea), his attempts to work the angles of the corporate world are endearingly pathetic. Greg might not have been a good person, but he wasn't obviously a *bad* person. You mostly felt embarrassed for him, which was not quite the same as rooting for him. "Relatable" is not quite the word, but the fact that he appeared so ill at ease in Royworld put him on our side.

Four seasons in, Greg the Egg has hatched into something slimy. Lately we've seen him brag about his ability to fire people without feeling remorse. He's been leaning so hard into a dirtbag persona that even Tom can't stand it. As for those principles of his — *Don't be racist. Don't lie if you're the news* — those fell away Sunday, when Greg hand-delivered a directive to ATN's news producers to prematurely call a presidential race for a nativist creep who refers to Adolf Hitler as "H" and envisions an America that is "clean" and "pure."

The corruption of Cousin Greg is a sneaky-poignant subplot of "Succession," a show populated mostly by characters who were broken long before we met them. Greg arrived at the same time we did. His induction to the Roy inner circle was kind of a twisted "Truman Show" experiment: What would happen if a more or less decent guy spent several years ensconced in a world of decadence, surrounded by beguiling scoundrels and high-functioning depressives for whom everything is not nearly enough?

How long would it take for a guy like that to stop caring about whether he was being an a--hole?

Greg is splayed at the stern of the family yacht, sipping from a champagne flute at an angle that requires him to lift his head as little as possible.

"What are you drinking?" Tom asks him.

"Uh, this is — I'm not sure," Greg says. "It's a rosé, it's not my favorite."

"Oh, you got a favorite Champagne now?"

"Well, you can't help noticing. It's fine, I'll drink it, it's just not my favorite."

It's the Season 2 finale, and Cousin Greg is growing spoiled. When they boarded the yacht, Kendall Roy (Jeremy Strong) had been slightly surprised by his cousin's blasé reaction — a contrast to earlier in the season, when Greg got the zoomies after Kendall gifted him a gigantic Manhattan apartment.

The yacht trip comes on the heels of Greg's initiation into a different Roy family tradition: Trying to dodge government oversight. His performance before a congressional panel, where Greg and various Roys faced questions about seedy doings in Waystar's cruises division, produced this memorable koan: "If it is to be said, so it be, so it is." Later, Greg — no longer in the hot seat — laments that he did not stymie the watchdogs by answering every question with, "No woman, no cry."

Greg, in his idiot way, learned the importance of fealty to family/corporate interests. He started to look the part, too, getting his shaggy hair shaped up in attempt to curb the stress of preserving shady company secrets ("I didn't really need a haircut, I think I just wanted someone to touch my head — you know, soothing"). He hasn't broken bad, but he is adjusting to his material and moral circumstances.

There is, to use the show's vernacular, a lot of static. When Logan Roy (Brian Cox) makes Kendall his fall guy for abuses in the company's cruises division, Greg suffers an attack of conscience and aligns himself with Kendall's rebellion. It doesn't last. Unable to separate his interests from his anxiety, Greg spends much of the Roy civil war trying to figure out who *his* lawyer is. In the process he alienates his grandfather, who disinherits him.

Having burned his final bridge back to life as a shiftless kid with a trust fund, Greg returns to the Waystar fold in time to watch Kendall's insurgency collapse. The lesson is clear enough: Stay inside the compound.

You can't really get into the moral dimensions of Greg without getting into Tom. He gets a lot of the blame for corrupting Greg, and deservedly so. As the old proverb says, *You can't make a Tomlette without breaking some Greggs.* But while Greg has spent the final season reveling in the person he has been allowed to become by going full Roy, Tom has been retreating toward his inner Wambsgans.

After Logan's midflight demise, he serves as an ad hoc grief counselor to his estranged in-laws, talking them through the act of saying goodbye to their father while holding his phone to the dead man's ear. He may not have principles, per se, but he has instincts. There's a foundation down there, somewhere. Tom owns the rare distinction of being a character on "Succession" who definitely loves someone. That love is poorly directed, but at least we know he's capable of it. He likes rich-people stuff, yet it's his affection for Shiv Roy (Sarah Snook) that drives Tom to compromise.

Ah, well — no woman, no cry. Tom may be seeing the Roy family more clearly than ever, but as the head of ATN he's still carrying their water. And Greg is still carrying *his* water, and also doing cocaine with him on election night.

Yes, the election! We'll get to it in a moment. But first, let's rewind one night earlier: Tom and Shiv's pre-election party.

Greg is smoking a vape pen with Swedish tech bros, and telling them about the mass firings of ATN employees he has been conducting over videoconference.

"You said a hundred scalps, in three days?" says Lukas Matsson (Alexander Skarsgard), the billionaire who is trying to buy the Roys' company. He's impressed, and wonders if Greg feels bad afterward.

"Honestly, not really," Greg says. He is stoned, like when we met him years ago, only now he's in a tailored suit instead of a dog costume. And, of course, he's on the other end of the firing stick. "HR says I'm the right guy for the job because it looks like I care but I don't."

"Not a good person," says the Swede.

"No, I am. It's just — you gotta do what you gotta do, right?"

Matsson doesn't let Greg off the hook. "*Do* you, though?"

Greg has learned how to swing an ax; on election night, he figures out how to wield a knife. His dalliance with the Swedes has yielded a lethal piece of intel about Shiv, which Greg tries to use to extort her. When she refuses, he uses it to cut her throat — swinging the Roy family vote, and therefore America's, to the right. At the behest of the Roy brothers, Tom dispatches Greg to have ATN get ready to call the election for the neo-fascist.

"I should go," Greg tells Jess, Kendall's assistant. "I'll get in trouble if I don't go."

Jess, famously taciturn, speaks up. "Okay dude, I mean . . ."

"Yeah. I mean it's not really my choice, right? So." The rationalizations continue. "I'm not even pressing the button, I'm asking them to *prepare* to press the button."

"Right, and all that does is just, like, launch a nuclear attack, so . . ."

"It's not going to change anything if I don't go, so . . ."

Greg did have a choice. The problem was, he made it a few seasons ago. "Succession" is a show about people who have learned to act as if they're in a knife fight when really they're just carving up a cake. You gotta do what you gotta do . . . *Do* you, though?

Answered: If it is to be said, so it be. So it is.



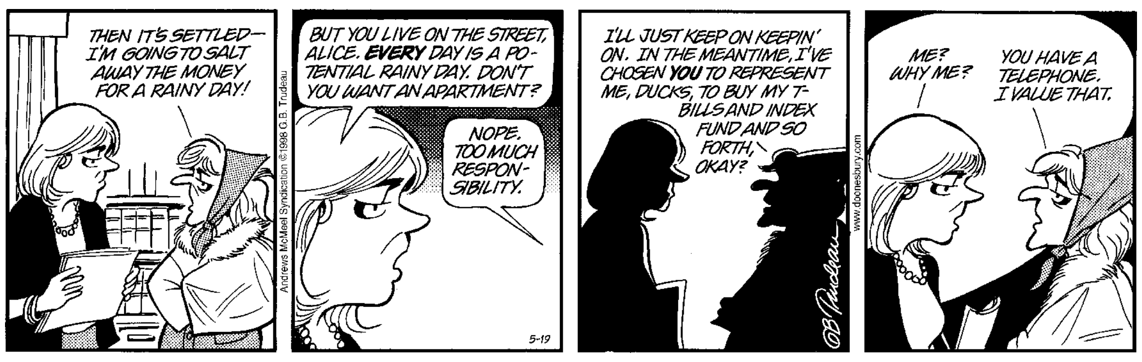
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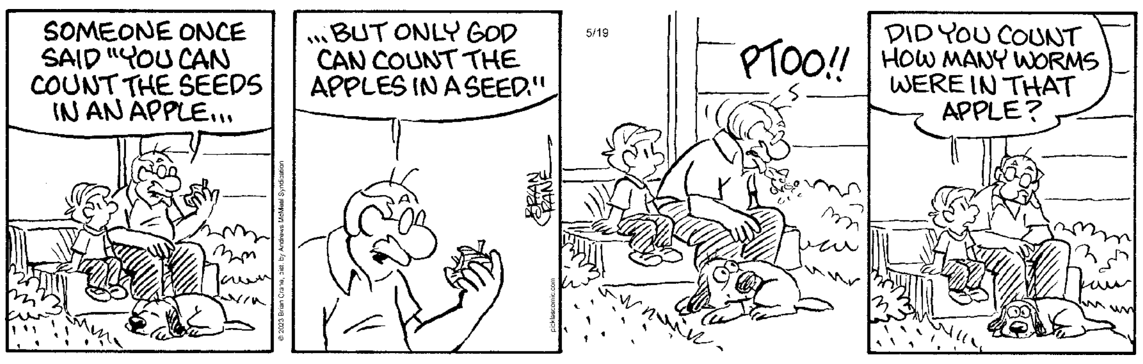
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In "Succession," Nicholas Braun, at top and above right, with Matthew Macfadyen, plays Greg, a character who has become less sympathetic as the series has progressed.

CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

E-W VULNERABLE

NORTH (D)
♠ A K 5 3
♥ A 5
♦ 5 2
♣ A 9 6 4 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 8
♥ Q J 10
♦ Q 6
♣ K J 10 7 5

EAST
♠ J
♥ 9 8 6 4 3 2
♦ K J 10 9 4
♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6 4 2
♥ K 7
♦ A 8 7 3
♣ 8 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ Q

A club player came to me as discouraged as a farmer suffering through a late-summer drought.

"I make so many mistakes I should start calling them 'traditions,'" he told me.

At four spades, my friend won the first heart with the king and took the A-K of trumps, hoping for a 2-2 break. East threw a heart. Declarer next led the ace and a low diamond.

"West won," South said, "and cashed his high trump. Then I could ruff one diamond in dummy, but I lost another diamond and a club. I think what I learn from my mistakes is how to make the same ones again."

South can win the first heart in dummy, cash one high trump, then duck a diamond. If West leads a second trump, South wins, takes the ace of diamonds, ruffs a diamond and comes to his king of hearts to ruff his last diamond, losing a trump, a club and a diamond.

If instead West leads a second heart, South wins and leads the ace and a second club to set up a link with his hand. He loses only three tricks in all.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A K 5 3 ♥ A 5
♦ 5 2 ♣ A 9 6 4 2

Your partner opens one heart. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since you have enough strength for several bids and will drive to game, bid your hand naturally: Respond two clubs. If partner rebids two hearts, you will continue with a space-saving bid of two spades. If you held a weaker hand such as A Q 5 3, 9 5, 5 2, A 9 6 4 2, to bid one spade, seeking a fit in the major suit, would be correct.

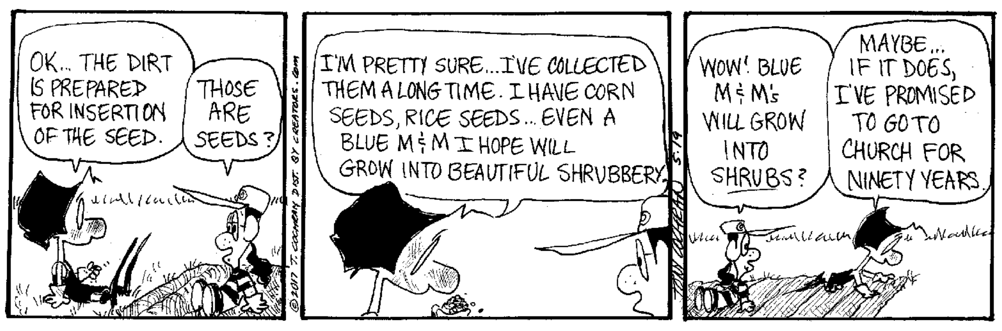
— *Frank Stewart*

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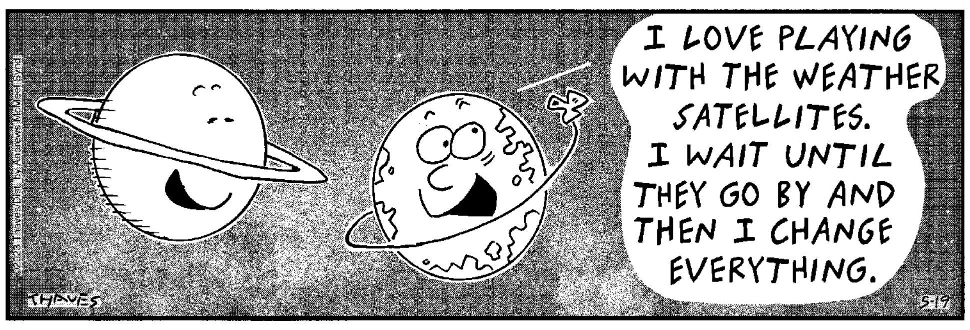
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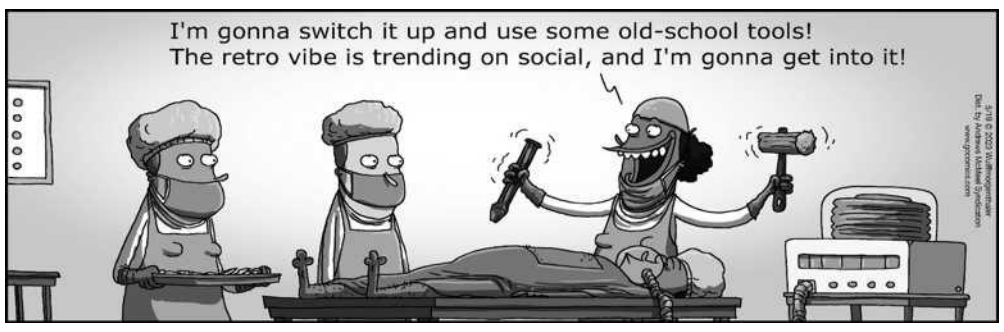
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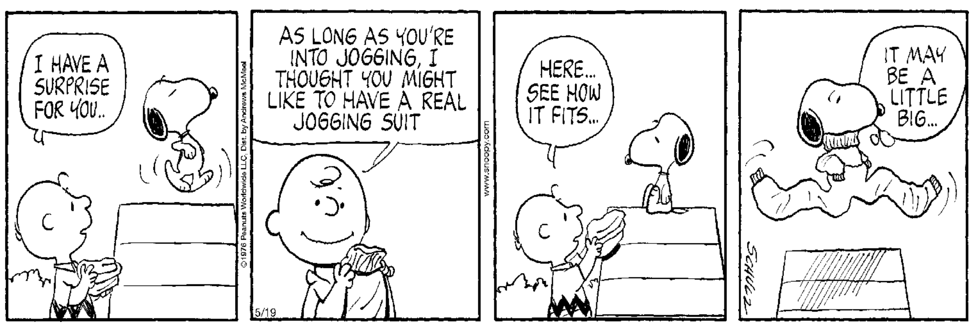
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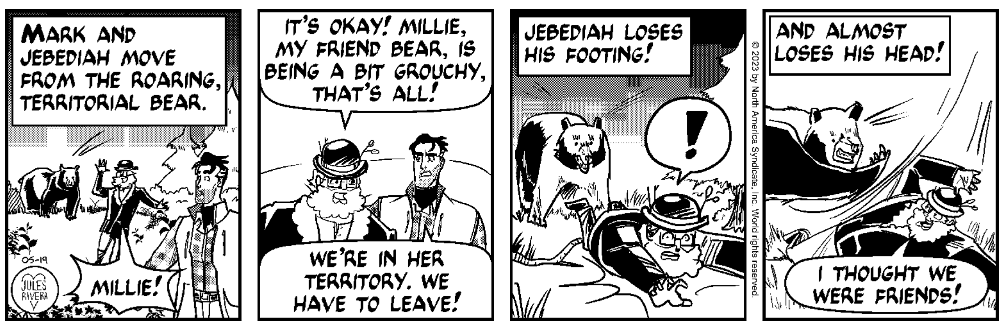
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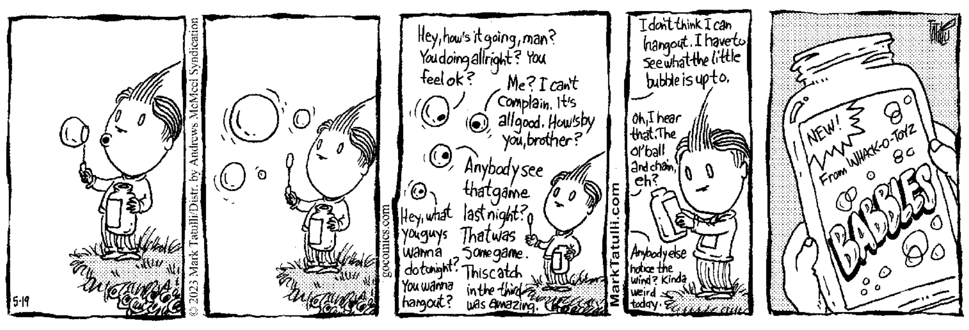
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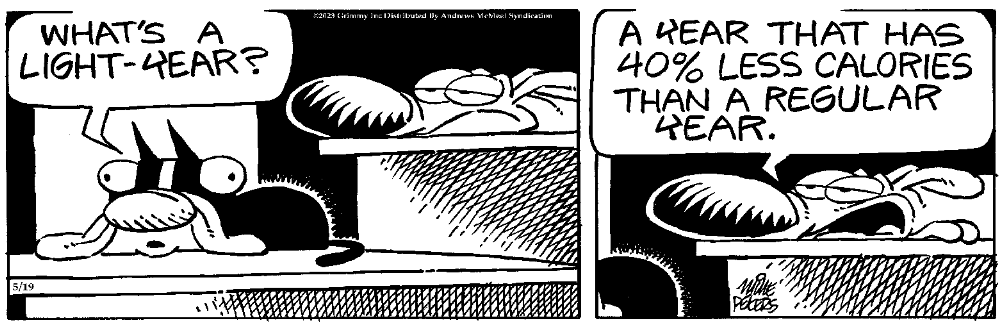
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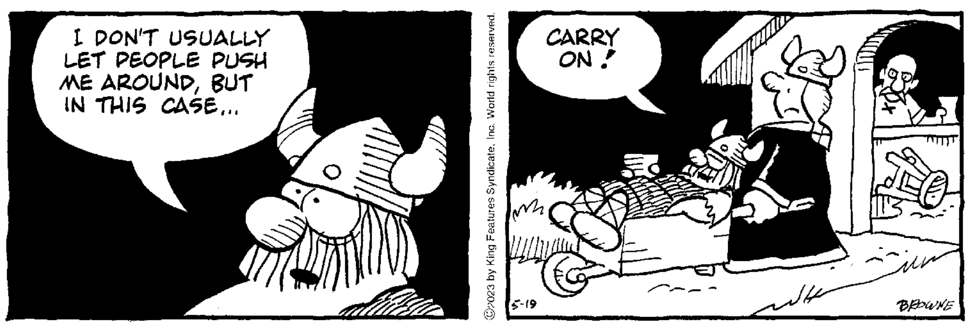
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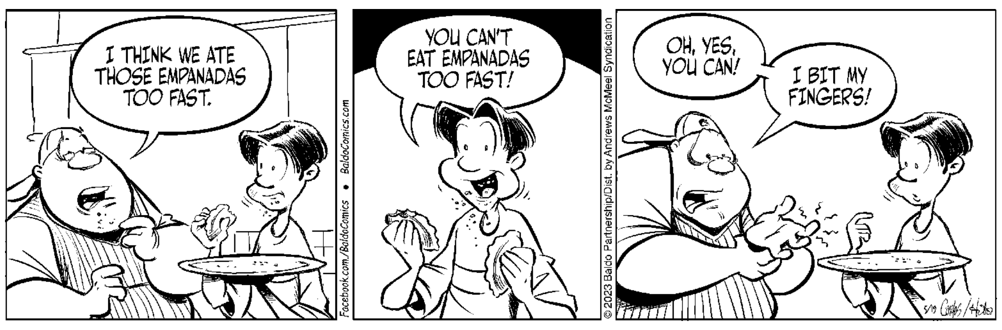
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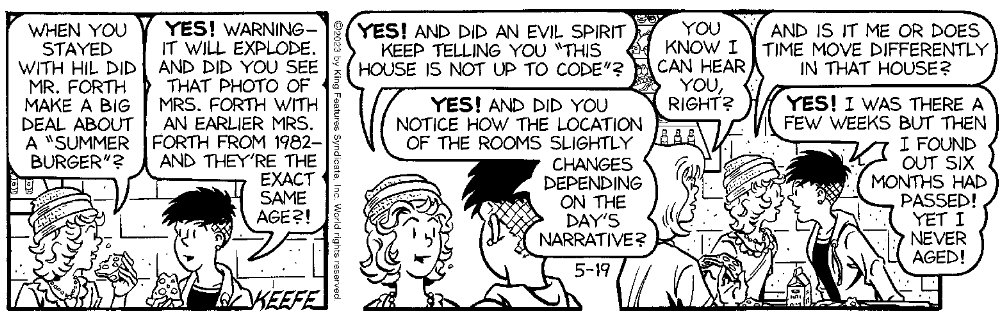
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			5	8				2
9		8		7	1			
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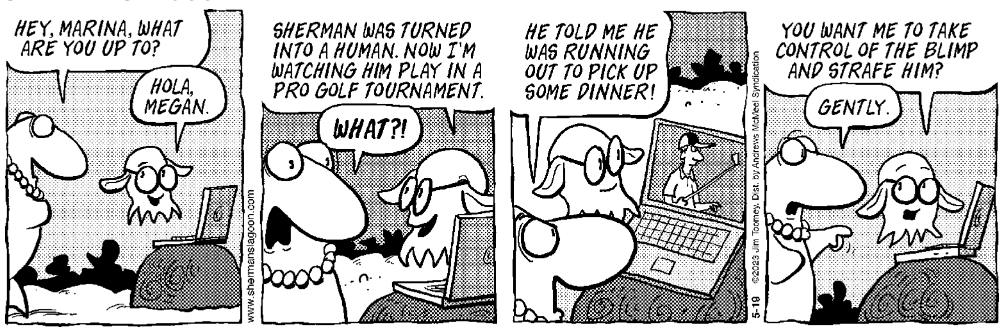
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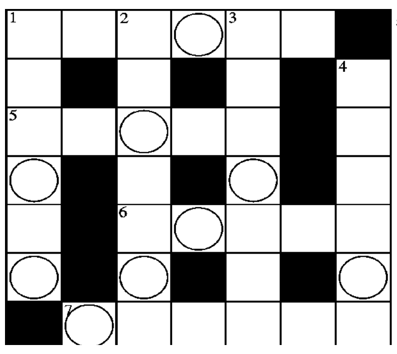
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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Stationed, placed	PAEKDR
5. Antic, escapade	PCREA
6. Permissible	EGLLA
7. Sell door to door	PDELED

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Dill ____	KCIPEL
2. Fend off	LPUSERE
3. Angered	NEAEDRG
4. Soccer ____	EAGOIL

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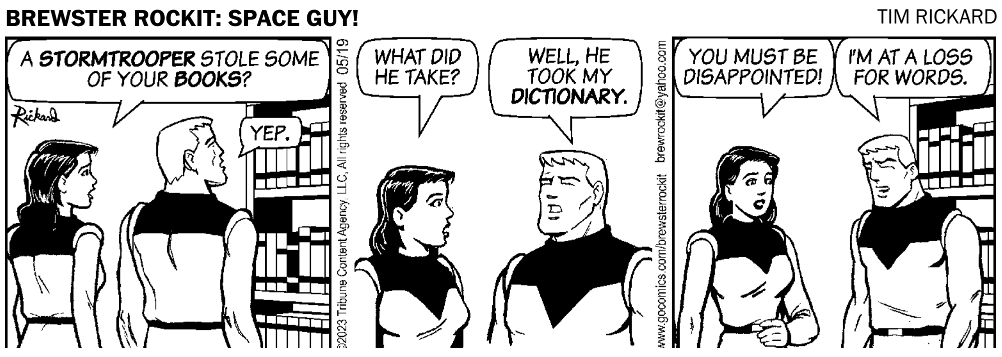
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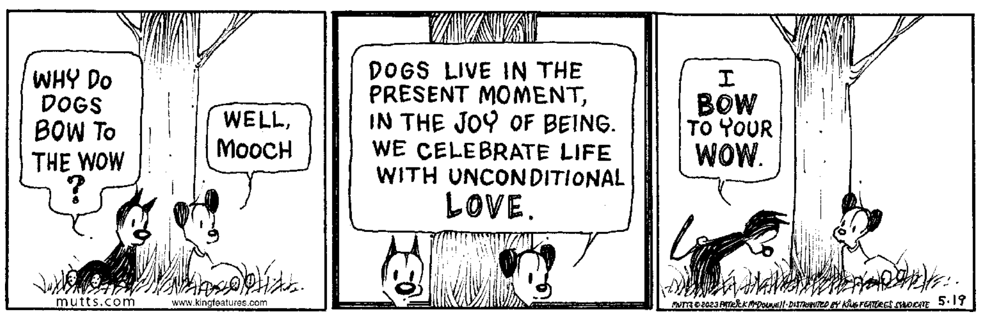
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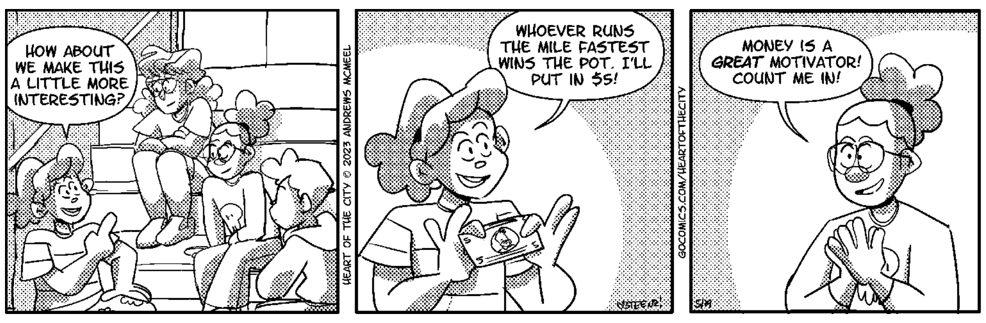
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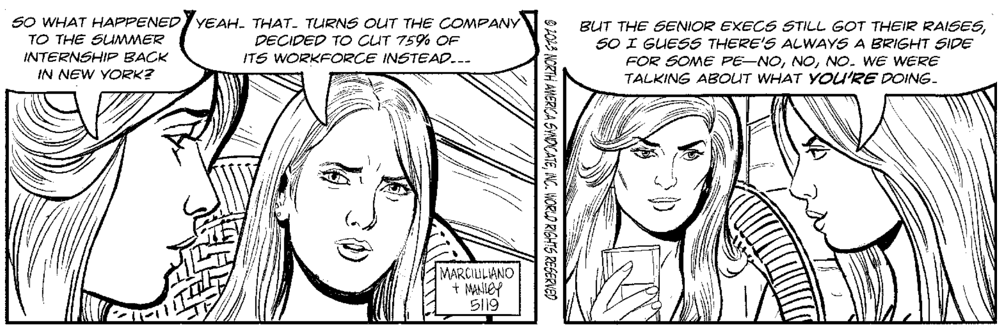
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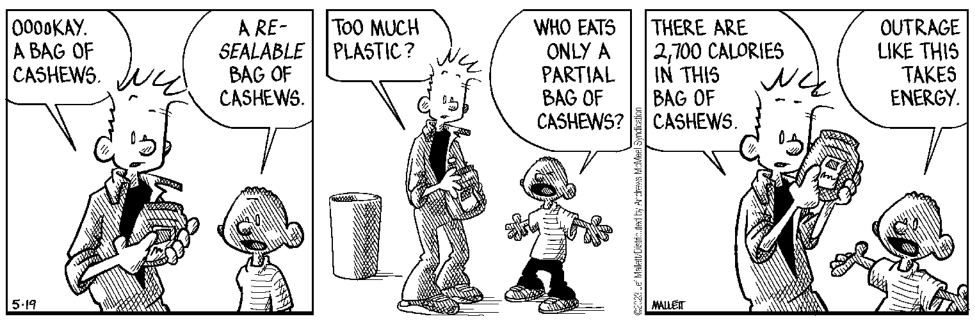
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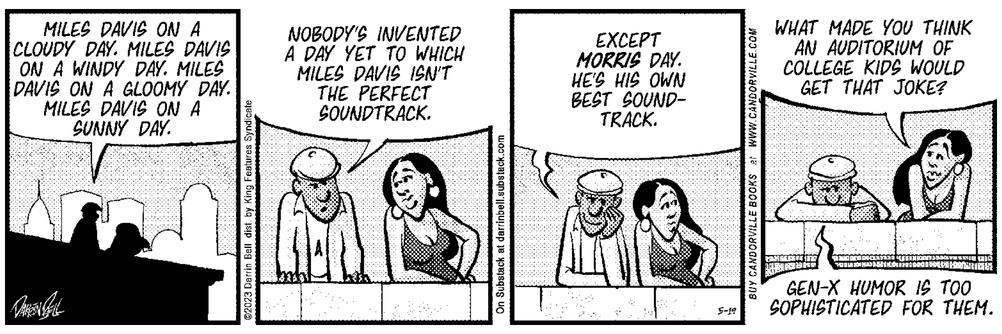
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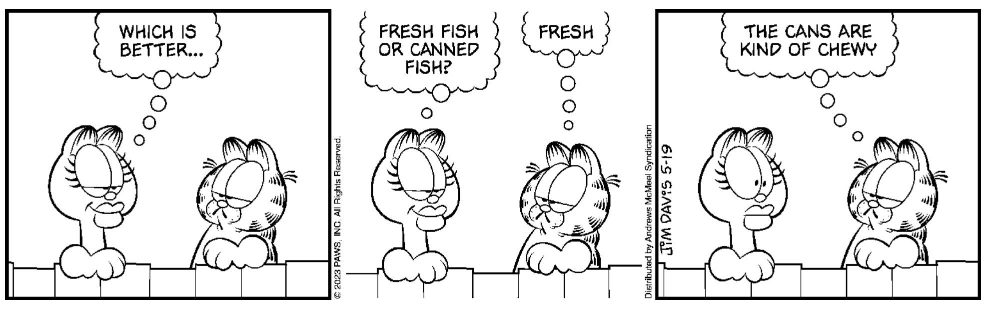
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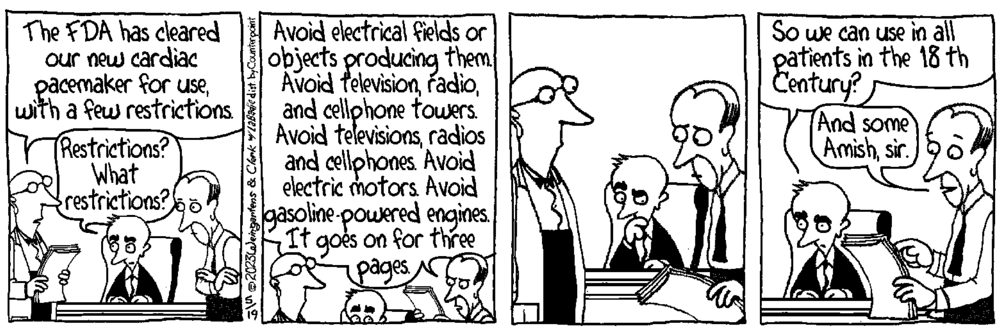
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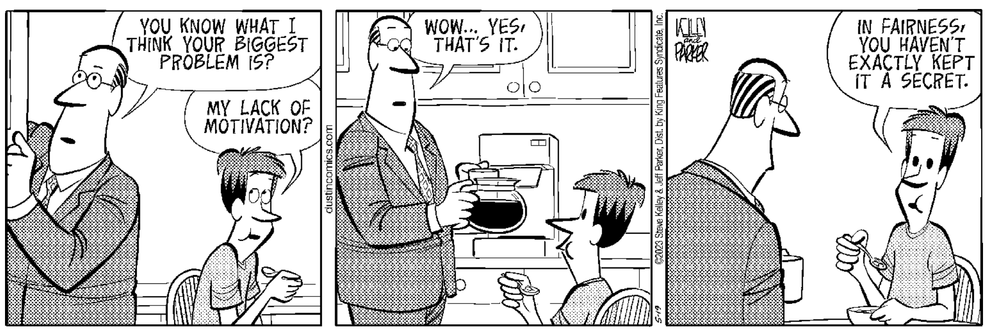
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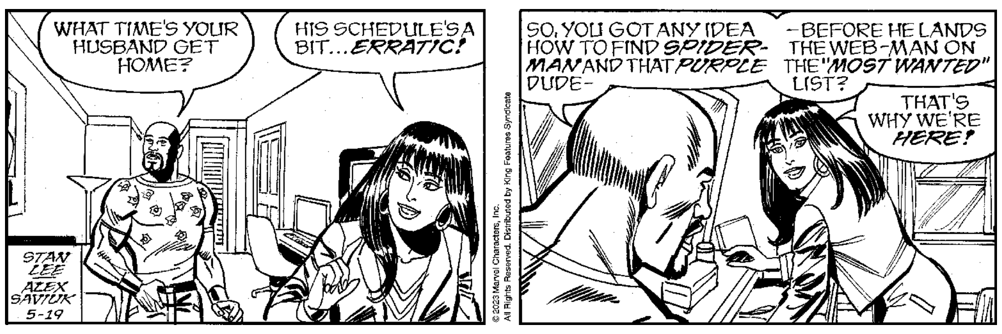
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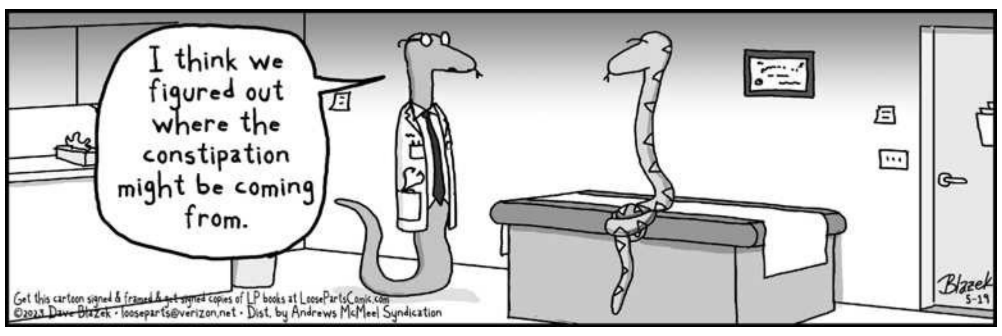
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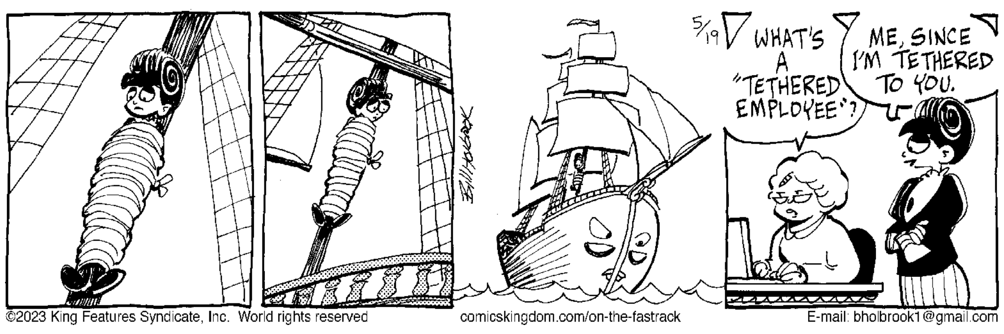
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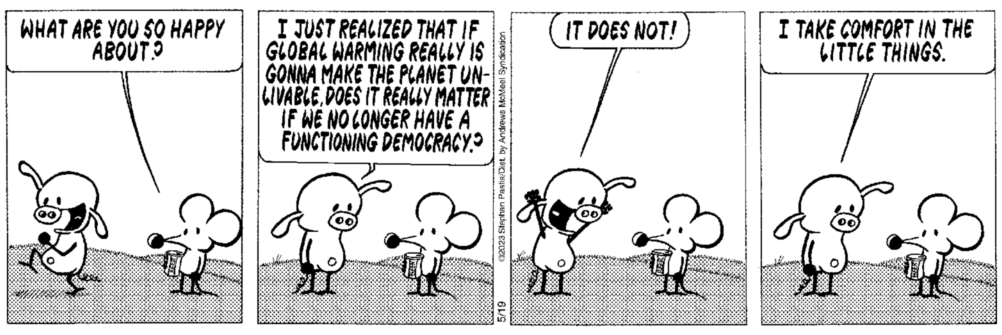
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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | MAY 19

You like to improve things and help others because you care about the world you live in. You take a rational, practical approach to life. You have strong opinions and will defend them. What you achieve this year will be the result of hard work. Simplicity will be the key.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This lovely New Moon day brings you a chance to ponder your values. (Something we often never think about.) What are the values that guide your life? This is one of the best days of the year for you to get a clearer picture of this.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place, which gives you the perfect opportunity to take a realistic look in the mirror and see the image you create on your world.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Every month a New Moon is an opportunity to set intentions. (Because it changes signs each month, your opportunities are different.) This is an excellent day to give thought to your spiritual or religious values.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Today's New Moon is the best day of the entire year for you to think about the role that a friend plays in your life. What kind of friend are you? Do you hang out with people you respect? If you want to have friends, be friendly.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Today the only New Moon that takes place at the top of your chart is happening. This means it's the perfect day to think about your life direction. Are you headed where you want to go?

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Today is the New Moon. What further education or training would help you succeed in your job? Likewise, what travel might you take that will enhance or enrich your life? Once you stop learning and growing, you're old.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Because of today's New Moon, you can clear up loose details about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances. Don't procrastinate. Take a breath and dig in.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Today the New Moon gives you a lovely opportunity to think about how you can improve your closest relationships, partnerships and friendships. Tell yourself what you might start doing, or stop doing, to improve your style of relating to someone.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
It's easy to take your health for granted until it's threatened. Today's New Moon is your best chance all year to think about what you can do to improve your health. You can also get specific about how to improve your job or how you work.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
You are focused and hardworking. Today's New Moon is the only New Moon all year that encourages you to think about the balance you have between play and work in your life. It also encourages you to value your creative talents and your creative expression.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Today is one of the best days of the year to think about how you can improve your relations with family members. Also, what can you do to improve where you live so that you enjoy your home more and feel more comfortable there?

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Humans are gregarious. We need to see each other, and we need to be seen. We also need to talk and be heard. Today's New Moon offers you a chance to think about what kind of a communicator you are.

— Georgia Nicols

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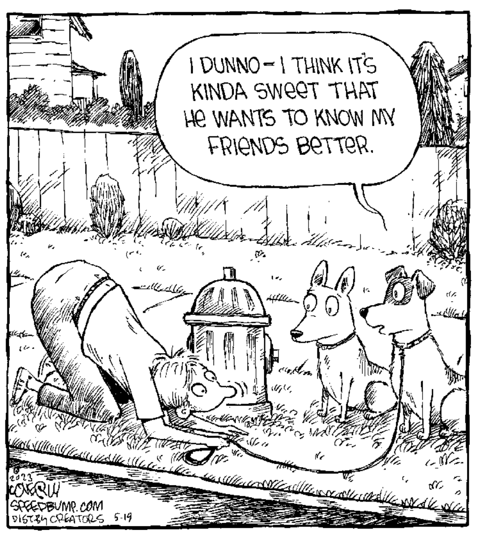
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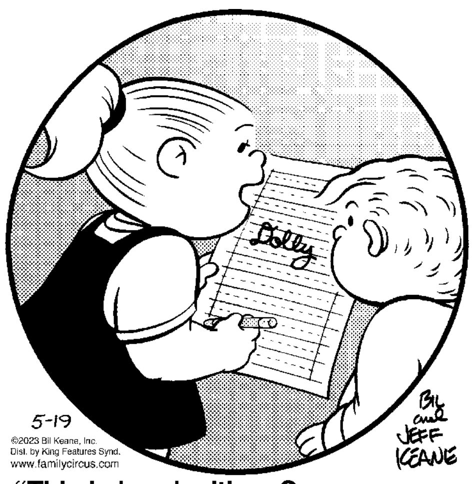


DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM



"WELL, THAT DIDN'T HAVE A VERY LONG SHELF LIFE."

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"This is handwriting. See, my name is all in one piece."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



PETER LOVINO/20TH CENTURY STUDIOS/AP

White Men Can't Jump (Hulu) In this remake of the 1992 film, Sinqua Walls and Jack Harlow star as two basketball players who appear to be polar opposites but learn they have more in common than they thought.

My Lottery Dream Home (HGTV at 8) David Bromstad helps the winner of a $1 million jackpot look for a winter getaway in Maine.

Blindspotting (Starz at 9:01) Tensions rise between Ashley and Trish at Rainey's annual Meatfest party; secrets spread quickly, leading to disastrous consequences; after Sean's bugs escape, Janelle, Earl and June help him recapture the scurrying creatures.

20/20 (ABC at 9:01) A year after the school shooting in Uvalde, Tex., this episode follows the community's healing process.

The Great American Joke Off (CW at 9:30) This week's comics include Joe List, Luke Mones, Rebecca O'Neal, Rhys James, Glenn Moore and Josh Johnson.

PREMIERES

The Secrets of Hillsong (FX at 10) This four-part documentary series dives into the reporting done on the megachurch Hillsong by Vanity Fair journalists Alex French and Dan Adler.

Primo (Amazon Freevee) This Shea Serrano-created sitcom follows a San Antonio teen working to balances college aspirations, societal expectations and a chaotic home life.

MOVIE

The Hand That Robs the Cradle (Lifetime Movie Network at 8) A nanny discovers her latest charge, a young boy, was kidnapped, and the couple claiming to be his parents are really his captors.

FINALES

S.W.A.T. (CBS at 8) Collaborating with the DEA, the team works to stop a grieving cartel boss wreaking havoc on the streets of Los Angeles as he exacts revenge on the people who murdered his son.

Fire Country (CBS at 9) When a massive mudslide careens into Edgewater, the Third Rock crew must make a daring rescue; Bode's parole hearing determines his freedom.

Blue Bloods (CBS at 10) Teaming up with Danny's old partner, Danny and Baez work to find a killer who is copying murders from a previous case; Frank and Mayor Chase disagree over how best to handle the city's increasing homeless population.

RETURNING

Selling Sunset (Netflix) Season 6.

— *Olivia McCormack*

BROADCAST CHANNELS

5/19/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	◆ **NBC News**	◆ **Hollywood**	◆ That's My Jam		◆ **Dateline NBC**				◆ **News**	(:35) ◆ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	◆ **Fox 5**	◆ **TMZ**	◆ **WWE Friday Night SmackDown**				◆ **Fox 5 News at 10**		◆ **Fox 5 News**	◆ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆ **Wheel**	◆ **Jeopardy!**	◆ **Shark Tank** (SF)		◆ **20/20**				◆ **News**	◆ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	◆ **News**	◆ **ET**	◆ **S.W.A.T.** (SF)		◆ **Fire Country** (SF)		◆ **Blue Bloods** (SF)		◆ **9 News**	(:35) ◆ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	◆ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		◆ **Perdona nuestros**		◆ **El amor invencible**		◆ **Mujer**		◆ Noticias	◆ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆ FamFeud	◆ **FamFeud**	◆ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		◆ **FamFeud**	◆ FamFeud	◆ Big Bang	◆ Big Bang	◆ Chicago P.D.	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	◆ **State**	◆ **Artworks**	◆ Midsomer	(:50) ◆ Midsomer Murders		(:35) ◆ **Great Performances**				
26.1 WETA (PBS)	◆ **PBS NewsHour**		◆ **Wash**	◆ Rubenstein	◆ **Great Performances**					◆ **Amanpour**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	◆ DW News	◆ ARTICO	◆ Finding Your Roots		◆ Concert-Bowl		◆ Afropop: Cultural		◆ BBC News	◆ Our Time
50.1 WDCW (CW)	◆ Neighbor	◆ Neighbor	◆ Penn & Teller: Fool Us		◆ **Whose Line**	◆ **Joke Off**	◆ **DC News Now**		◆ Seinfeld	◆ Seinfeld
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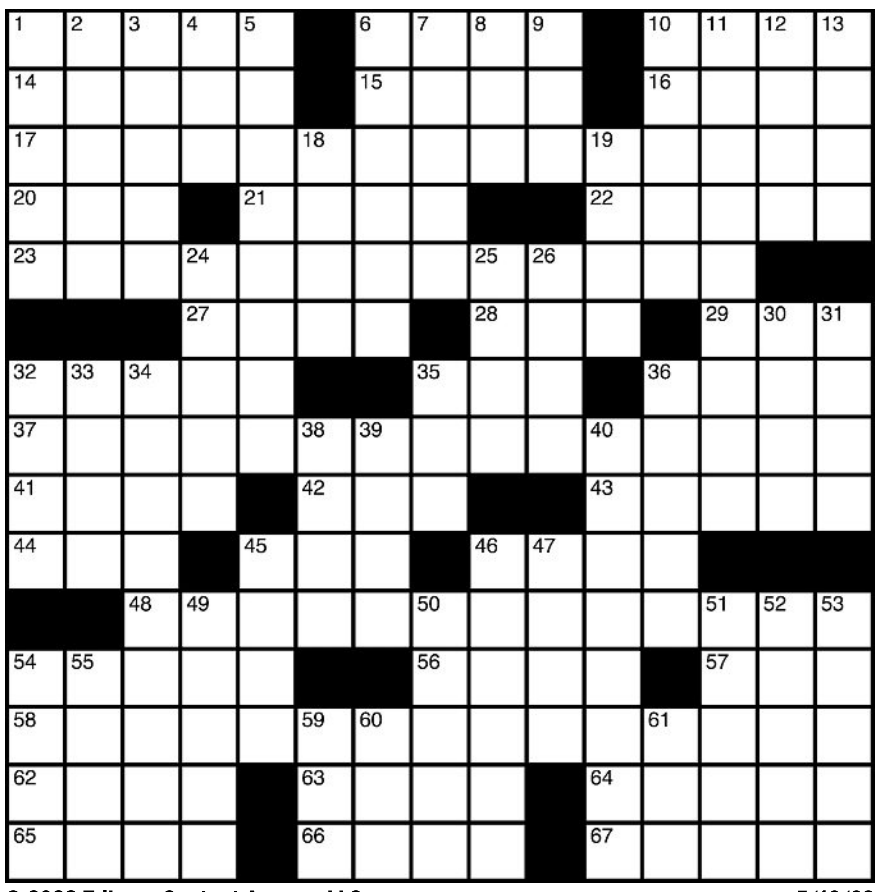
CABLE CHANNELS

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A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(5:30) Movie: Big ★★★		Movie: Uncle Buck ★★ (1989)				(:15) Movie: The Great Outdoors ★★ (1988)			
Animal Planet	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV	
BET	Movie: Always and Forever (2020)					Movie: Hello (2022)				
Bravo	(6:00) Movie: Barbershop		Movie: Get Hard ★★ (2015)				(:05) Movie: Get Hard ★★ (2015)			
Cartoon Network	Unicorn	Unicorn	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		The Whole Story with		**Who's Talking**		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Movie: 21 Jump Street	
Discovery	Gold Rush: Parker's Trail		**Gold Rush: Pay Dirt**		**Gold Rush: Parker's Trail**		**Gold Rush: White Water**		(:10) Gold Rush: F. Dodge	
Disney	Ladybug	Ladybug	Movie: Onward ★★★ (2020)			Saturdays	(:15) Ghost	(:40) Kiff	(:05) Ladybug	Ladybug
E!	(6:00) Movie: Easy A ★★★		Movie: 17 Again ★★ (2009)				(:05) Movie: Easy A ★★★ (2010)			
ESPN	SportsCenter		**NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA (Live)					**SportCtr**	**WNBA Basketball**	
ESPN2	**Softball** NCAA Tournament: UCF vs. South Carolina				7Innings Live				**SportsCenter** (Live)	
Food Network	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	**Diners, Drive**	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		The Ingraham Angle		Gutfeld!	
Freeform	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club	
FX	Movie	Movie: Thor: The Dark World ★★ (2013)					**The Secrets of Hillsong** (P)			**Hillsong**
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Love, Rom...		Movie: When I Think of Christmas (2022)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Hannah Swensen Mysteries				Movie: **Carrot Cake Murder: A Hannah Swensen Mys...**				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:10) Movie: The Matrix Resurrections			(:40) BlackLa..	(:05) Movie: Taken 3 ★★ (2014)				**Black Lady**	Foot Wave
HGTV	Dream Home	Dream Home	**Dream Home**	Dream Home	**100 Day Dream Home**		**Hunters**	Hunters	Dream Home	Dream Home
History	The UnXplained		The UnXplained		**The UnXplained**		(:05) The UnXplained		(:05) The UnXplained	
Lifetime	Castle		Movie: Love Triangle Nightmare (2022) (P)				(:05) Movie: Bury the Past (2021) (P)			
MASN	**MLB Baseball** Detroit Tigers at Washington Nationals (Live)					**Nats Xtra**	World Poker Tour		Touchdown Baltimore	
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Stallone	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
NBC SportsNet WA	**Basketball** New York Liberty at Washington Mystics				**Mystics**	106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies				
Nickelodeon	Movie: Hotel Transylvania ★★ (2012)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Gone in 60 Seconds ★ (2000)					Movie: White House Down ★★ (2013)		
Syfy	(6:00) Movie: X-Men: Apocalypse ★★ (2016)				(:15) Movie: Sicario ★★★ (2015)					
TBS	Sheldon	Sheldon	Movie: Space Jam: A New Legacy ★ (2021) (P)				(:20) Movie: Space Jam ★★ (1996)			
TCM	(5:45) Movie: Arsenic & Ol...		Movie: Brother Orchid ★★★ (1940)			(:45) Movie: Cool Hand Luke ★★★ (1967)				
TLC	90 Day: Other		**90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way**				**90 Day**	Match Me Abroad		90 Day
TNT	(6:30) **Rampa..**	**NBA Pregame** (Live)		**NBA Basketball** Miami Heat at TBA (Live)					**Inside the NBA** (Live)	
Travel	Paranormal 911		Paranormal 911		Paranormal 911		Paranormal 911		Paranormal 911	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters
TV Land	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
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USA Network	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1	
VH1	Movie: The Taking of Pelham 123 ★★ (2009)					Movie: Rush Hour ★★★ (1998)				
WNC8	Memory	CLEANBOSS!	7News at 6	True Crime	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	CLEANBOSS!	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ◆ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Alexander Liebeskind



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ACROSS

1 College-level HS English course
6 __ and drop
10 Party loot
14 Place for a bench warmer?
15 Bag
16 Melodramatic sigh
17 Building a fire without any charcoal or lighter fluid?
20 Brain wave readout, for short
21 Not bumpy
22 Hindu spiritual writing
23 Mountain of comfy shoes?
27 Only cardinal direction not in a state name
28 Big lug
29 Dirty word?
32 Mesopotamian region where cuneiform was invented
35 Missay, say
36 Prefix with dynamic
37 Artichokes eaten first thing in the morning?
41 Potato spots
42 Dawn goddess
43 Specks
44 Gesture-based communication syst.
45 Ancient
46 Designer Gucci
48 "Should this potted plant go in the dining room window or the bedroom window?," e.g.
54 Many, casually
56 "High Drama" singer Lambert
57 Premier __: French wine designation
58 Relinquishing one's noble title?
62 Oxford, but not Cambridge
63 Quod __ demonstrandum
64 Hilarious
65 Basic math homework
66 Autos
67 Full of fluff

DOWN

1 Pack animals
2 "Lion" Oscar nominee Dev
3 "Super Mario" brother
4 Fortune rival
5 Share
6 Antarctica, for one
7 Unlike a 6-Down
8 Quilting, e.g.
9 Serengeti grazer
10 Broke out of a slump?
11 Poultry choice
12 Omnia vincit __
13 Actress Rowlands
18 Part of YSL
19 Starting on
24 Equals
25 Like some subjects
26 "The Practice" actress __ Flynn Boyle
30 __ Minor
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32 __ butter
33 One-eighties
34 Violent vortex
35 Triage ctrs.
36 In the offing
38 Give a shout-out?
39 Word with surf or shop
40 Restaurant offering that may have an age limit
45 Skin care brand
46 Open-book exams?
47 Prolific TV producer Norman
49 Caribbean spots
50 2022 FIFA World Cup host
51 Strand during a ski trip, say
52 "... never mind, then"
53 Like brown butter
54 Minus
55 Diamond Head locale
59 __ center
60 Stretch of history
61 Sports doc's scan

THURSDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A reader's abusive dad with dementia now portrays himself as the victim



Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: After years of therapy, I found a safe way to have a relationship with a father who was physically, mentally and emotionally abusive to his wife and children.

When I first reconnected with him, his favorite trick was to ask leading questions to manipulate me into a place where he could spring an attack against me and my siblings, most of whom want nothing to do with him. I learned to set and enforce clear boundaries, and that worked for a while.

But lately, dementia has set in, and he has rewritten history to make himself the victim. The stories he tells are so outlandish that I'd laugh if they didn't put me in full fight-or-flight mode.

When my mother had Alzheimer's, I learned not to challenge her delusions. But although I realize what I'm dealing with now is a lonely and guilt-ridden old man, I cannot listen to the lies he so desperately needs to tell himself. Nor can I turn my back on a man who has so few other people in his life. It's only going to get worse.

— *Anonymous*

Anonymous: It is okay to see your dad as just as delusional as your mother was — meaning, not a "guilt-ridden old man" who lies to himself to get by, but a person whose dementia has loosened his grip on reality. His victim narrative is deeply offensive and disorienting to you, understandably, but that doesn't make it any more real or less a dementia symptom than your mom's delusions.

It is also okay to decide that even if his delusions have a medical and therefore not morally relevant explanation, you're still not willing to go along with them — or even engage with them at all.

That's the upshot, really. Any duty you feel to be part of your father's life lies strictly within you. He squandered long ago any claim he had to your loving attention. Society gets no say in how you handle that now that he's ailing in the bed he made.

If you choose not to "turn my back" on a man who drove almost everyone else out of his life, then you have every right to make that choice. I do recommend, however, that you make it with at least occasional therapy appointments and/or dementia-care support groups on your schedule, even if it's just to ground yourself through such an unsettling time.

Dear Carolyn: One of these days, I'm going to have to meet my ex-wife's new husband. Our marriage ended in a total blind side when she announced she was sleeping with this guy. Obviously, I'm not happy with either of them, and I'd love some advice on how to greet the new husband. I certainly don't want to say, "Nice to meet you," and I'm trying to be more mature than saying, "Oh, so you're the guy who broke up two families?" Any suggestions?

— *Ex*

Ex: "Hello," or, "How do you do?" is blandly sufficient.

Your ex-wife broke up two families, too, and presumably you have kept things civil with her for the kids' or for old times' sake, so I urge you to keep that truth in mind for this meeting instead of the emotional truth of wanting to make the guy pay for it all.

I also urge you to get the first meeting accomplished before you all have to be together around the kids or other family or mutual friends. Get it over with in as low-stakes a way as you can.

They're each other's problems now. Tuck that into the back of your mind, and good luck.

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SPORTS
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PRO FOOTBALL
NFL owners will not vote next week on the prospective approval of the Harris deal to buy the Commanders. **D2**

TENNIS
Rafael Nadal says he will miss this month's French Open and that next season will be his last on tour. **D3**

COLLEGES
Virginia and Georgetown will tangle in men's lacrosse quarterfinals with a trip to the Final Four on the line. **D5**



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A conspicuous return

Triple Crown comes again to Baltimore, a specter in its wake



Barry Svrluga

BALTIMORE — It was brisk, almost bracing, on the Thursday morning before the Preakness Stakes when Mage came off the final turn, an easy gallop for a pre-9 a.m. workout at Pimlico Race Course. The dirt flew behind him. The front stretch laid out ahead. Whether he had a care in the world, he didn't say. Certainly didn't look like it. Beautiful, almost breathtaking animals, these thoroughbreds.

Mage won the Kentucky Derby, and when the Preakness goes off Saturday evening, he will be the heavy favorite in the second leg of the Triple Crown. But after a tragic meet at Churchill Downs that again shook a creaky sport to its core — seven dead horses over 10 days, with little connective tissue as to how or

SEE SVRLUGA ON D5



JEFF ROBERSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

When National Treasure, top, is entered at the Preakness Stakes on Saturday, it will mark the return of trainer Bob Baffert, above, to the Triple Crown stage. Since his Kentucky Derby-winning horse Medina Spirit tested positive for a banned substance in 2021, Baffert has lamented what he describes as the unfair demise of his career while working to clear bans and suspensions.

148th Preakness Stakes
Tomorrow, Pimlico Race Course, 4:30 p.m. (post time, 7:01 p.m.), NBC

Baffert is back, as powerful as ever, while his sport reels

BY GUS GARCIA-ROBERTS

LOS ANGELES — In 2021, horse trainer Bob Baffert faced exile from his sport and national ridicule after his Kentucky Derby-winning horse, Medina Spirit, failed a post-race drug test. It was a scandal that put drug violations and dead horses in the headlines and Baffert in the crosshairs.

In the midst of it, Baffert received a call from a Palm Beach area code. It was former president Donald Trump.

Trump asked him what happened with Medina Spirit, Baffert later recalled. By then, Baffert had abandoned his earlier denials that the horse was given anything that would have set off a test. So he recited to Trump his new credo — that there were mere picograms of the substance in the horse's system, the result of a salve to treat a rash.

Baffert was accustomed to dealing

SEE BAFFERT ON D5

A surprise contender emerges at the PGA

Healthier DeChambeau opens with a 66 to lead for much of the first day

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Not completely unlike zombies, golfers reappear from dormancy on occasion. Some can take two seconds to recognize. Others might take three seconds to recognize.

The handsome zombie who suddenly led the 105th PGA Championship for much of Thursday apparently made his latest transformation by curbing inflammation, but Bryson DeChambeau's opening 66 at Oak Hill counted as a revelation. This decade alone, he has gone from big guy to bigger guy to hulk and from hulk back to big guy to healthy-looking and from the PGA Tour to LIV Golf, and now he has gone from gone to here.

Here in this case would be near the top of the first-round leader board, where he lurked all day until the more anonymous Eric Cole caught and surpassed him. Cole, 34, had played one previous major, the 2021 U.S. Open, but did not seem primed to echo his cut there when he birdied Nos. 12, 14, 15, 2, 3 and 4 here.

Cole finished 14 holes before the horn blew to suspend play because of darkness. DeChambeau will go into Friday as the clubhouse leader.

SEE PGA ON D2

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
Oak Hill CC, through Sunday

POS.		TO PAR
1	Eric Cole	-5*
2	B. DeChambeau	-4
T3	Scottie Scheffler	-3
	Corey Conners	-3
	Dustin Johnson	-3
T6	Four tied	-2

Today's TV: 11 a.m., ESPN
* Round incomplete (darkness)

To grow, the WNBA might need to grow

BY KAREEM COPELAND

Rhyne Howard said the quiet part out loud this week. The WNBA's 2022 No. 1 overall pick and reigning rookie of the year took to social media to express a dichotomy within the league that has frustrated many who follow the game.

The league wants to capitalize off the record-breaking viewership from the Final Four and NCAA national championship game. At the same time, some of those players who were drafted after proving hugely popular during those games were waived this week before Friday's season opener.

Howard broke it down:

• Draft new players with fans who are ready to support them and the league.

• Player gets waived because there are not enough spots.

• Fans no longer want to support the league as a whole.

"Ugh, this is stressful," Howard tweeted in the final line.

A consistent goal of the WNBA has been to grow its fan base. There have been positive trends in recent years; 2022 was the most-watched regular season in 14 years, with viewership up 16 percent from 2021. The league just held its first preseason game

SEE WNBA ON D3

Liberty at Mystics
Today, 7 p.m., NBCSW, NBA TV

After rocky Game 1 loss, Celtics' Mazzulla could use a timeout



Candace Buckner

BOSTON — The expectations for a Boston Celtics title run are evident around TD Garden. The most visible reminder has to be the big, bold billboard plastered outside the building that reads: "Unfinished Business." The message evokes the memory of the Celtics falling two wins short of a championship a year ago. Adding even more emphasis: Two of the letters within the slogan are designed to look like a "1 and an "8."

There are also obvious reminders that the Celtics are chasing the franchise's 18th championship banner with a rookie coach. It comes up when Joe Mazzulla gets face time with a national audience, as he did Wednesday when TNT announcer Kevin Harlan served up the in-game coaching interview with the introduction: *"The youngest head coach in the NBA."* Mostly, however, the indicators of Mazzulla's inexperience emerge every time Boston takes a step back in its title pursuit, as it did by dropping Wednesday's opening game of the Eastern Conference finals to the eighth-seeded Miami Heat.

Mazzulla, 34, inherited a championship-ready team but not the accompanying respect. His decisions get dissected and, worse, second-guessed. Even by some of the paying customers, who plead from their seats for him to call a timeout — a favorite

SEE BUCKNER ON D3

Nuggets up 2-0: Denver, trailing for much of the game, rallies past Lakers in Game 2, 108-103. **D3**



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Nats are all wigged out in a 5-3 loss

Jeimer Candelario dons some ceremonial headwear after a fourth-inning home run Thursday. Despite going 8 for 11 in the series, Candelario couldn't keep the Nats from getting swept. **D4**

DIGEST

PRO FOOTBALL

Owners won't vote on Harris deal next week

NFL team owners will not vote on the prospective approval of **Josh Harris**'s $6.05 billion deal to purchase the Washington Commanders from **Daniel Snyder** at their meeting next week, the league said Thursday.

"There will be an update for the membership on the purchase and sale agreement that we saw last week. . . . There are not going to be any votes at this time," **Jeff Miller**, the league's executive vice president of communications, public affairs and policy, said in a video news conference. "League staff and the finance committee will continue to review the details of the transaction, as they would in the normal course."

The NFL finance committee has raised issues about the structure of Harris's deal. The committee considers the deal to be well above the $1.1 billion debt limit for a franchise purchase, one person familiar with its deliberations said this week. The Harris group believes that the deal is in compliance with all NFL ownership rules.

— Mark Maske and Nicki Jhabvala

SOCCER

José Mourinho will have a chance to claim a sixth European trophy, although his Roma team will have to stop Sevilla from winning a record-extending seventh Europa League title.

Roma reached the Europa League final by holding Bayer Leverkusen to a 0-0 draw in Germany. The Italian team went through, 1-0, on aggregate after winning the first leg of the semifinal at home.

Sevilla took out Juventus with a 2-1 home win after extra time to prevent an all-Italian final. . . .

Dan Burn's goal in first-half stoppage time proved decisive as host Newcastle beat Brighton, 4-1, to strengthen its hold on third place in the Premier League.

Three more points will guarantee Newcastle a top-four finish and an automatic spot in the Champions League, a competition the club last played in 20 years ago. . . .

Liverpool Manager **Jurgen Klopp** was handed a two-match ban for questioning the integrity of a Premier League referee, with his poor disciplinary record and failure to heed previous conduct warnings counting against him.

Klopp, who was also fined 75,000 pounds ($93,000), won't be in the technical area for Liverpool's next-to-last game of the season — vs. Aston Villa on Saturday — but the second match of his ban was suspended until the end of next season. . . .

Major League Soccer awarded San Diego its 30th franchise, which is set to begin play in 2025.

The unnamed expansion team is owned by Egyptian billionaire **Mohamed Mansour** and the Sycuan Tribe, the first Native American tribe to have an ownership stake in a professional soccer team. The ownership group also includes San Diego Padres third baseman **Manny Machado**. . . .

Atlanta United agreed to sell Brazilian winger **Luiz Araújo**, who is heading back to his home country to play for Flamengo. . . .

Center back **Magdalena Eriksson** is leaving Chelsea Women at the end of the season after a six-year spell at the club she helped establish as the English game's dominant force.

TENNIS

Daniil Medvedev beat German qualifier **Yannick Hanfmann**, 6-2, 6-2, to reach the Italian Open semifinals after losing his opener in his three previous appearances at the Foro Italico in Rome.

Medvedev's next opponent will be **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, who beat **Borna Coric**, 6-3, 6-4, to reach the last four for the third time. . . .

The right thigh injury that forced top-ranked **Iga Swiatek** to retire during her Italian Open quarterfinal "shouldn't be anything serious," she said. . . .

Nick Kyrgios withdrew from the French Open because of a foot injury he suffered at his Canberra home after a man allegedly threatened his mother with a gun and stole his car, according to Australian media.

COLLEGES

The National Labor Relations Board filed a formal complaint against Southern California, the Pac-12 and the NCAA alleging misclassification of college football and basketball players as "student-athletes" instead of employees.

The complaint by the NLRB's Los Angeles office said the three entities were intentionally depriving athletes of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act. . . .

Longtime administrator **Jay Jacobs** is formally retiring after nearly four decades in college athletics. The 62-year-old will step down at the end of June as Florida's associate AD for external affairs.

CYCLING

Nico Denz won the 12th stage of the Giro d'Italia in Rivoli for his first victory in a Grand Tour, while **Geraint Thomas** kept hold of the pink jersey as the race prepares to head into the mountains.

— From news services

World No. 1 Rahm is left undone after first round

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER



ABBIE PARR/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jon Rahm got off to a decent start at Oak Hill with a birdie and five straight pars. He finished with six bogeys and a double bogey.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Golf, that ghoul, decided Thursday it had about enough of Jon Rahm mastering it with such consistency and aplomb. It rose up and swatted even a man who practices a steadfast humility. It waited a while before it wreaked its wrath.

The 6-over-par 76 it would inflict at Oak Hill Country Club seemed implausible at Rahm's outset. The reigning Masters champion, four-time winner this gaudy, giddy season and No. 1 player began the 105th PGA Championship at No. 10 by drilling it 301 yards onto the left edge of the fairway.

He struck the approach to 17 feet.

He made that.

He parred the next five.

What mastery and tranquility on a beautiful midday in Upstate New York. If you wanted to start wondering about the pursuit of an in-year Grand Slam, you would be irrational — it's golf, after all — but forgiven. "Obviously, the first . . . six holes of the day, I played really good," the latest great player from Spain said later. "Put myself in a good spot, and after that I found myself battling."

A scorecard went from comely to grisly.

By the time it got filled in, it showed bogeys on Nos. 16, 17, 18, 2, 3 and 6, then a double bogey on No. 7. It seemed to howl, almost. The official description of Rahm's shots groaned with terms such as "primary rough" and "greenside bunker."

"The main thing on this course," he said, "is hitting the fairway. If you put the ball in the fairway you can actually give yourself a lot of good chances."

He found 5 of 14 fairways, and he missed three wee putts on the front nine, his second nine, until the player who had made the cuts in all 11 tournaments he had played full-on — discounting the Players, at which his stomach caused withdrawal after one round — primed for a fight Friday to get over the cut line. It wouldn't make any sense at all if it had not been golf.

"I think Arnie said it," Rahm said Tuesday here in the cheery run-up, referring to Arnold Palmer. "The road to success is always under construction. It's not a linear, constant path of improvement."

"Golf is a weird animal," surprise leader Bryson DeChambeau said moments later after his 66. "You can never fully have it, like Arnie said. You always think you have it one day, and then it just leaves the next."

It ran like a fiend even from Rahm. His drive on No. 16 went into the primary rough on the right. His drive on No. 17 mimicked that. His drive on No. 18 nestled into a fairway bunker on the right. His second shot on No. 2 went to the primary rough behind the green. The tee shot on the par-3 No. 3 found a greenside bunker in the front, and the second shot on No. 6 found a greenside bunker on the right, and the drive on No. 7 found primary rough on the left before the second shot also found primary rough on the left.

It was what-in-the-world, compounded when he missed a five-foot par putt on No. 3, a four-foot birdie putt on No. 4 and a four-foot bogey putt on No. 7 to complete a dinner set of ughs. "I'm between three to five feet," he said of those putts even if the official statistics showed four to five for a mild emotional reprieve. "If I make those putts, I shoot 3 over, which is not the worst-case scenario."

It happened in a tournament to which Rahm arrived saying Tuesday: "I'm confident. I feel good. I feel good. It's been a great year. It's been an amazing year. I'm just hoping to keep adding more to it." And it reflected something he said also Tuesday: "It would be ludicrous to think that you can always keep increasing your level of performance. That's just impossible. There's going to be downs . . . Even Tiger had downs."

DeChambeau makes waves at the PGA

PGA FROM D1



WARREN LITTLE/GETTY IMAGES

"Feels like a major," said Scottie Scheffler, whose 67 became his first major round free of bogeys.

Nobody in athletic memory has explained his physical plights in such helpful detail as DeChambeau, and so he, still one month shy of 30, got going in a chipper news conference until you thought you had seen his MRI exams. The 2020 U.S. Open champion with one unnoticed top-10 finish in his past 10 majors got the question because he looks like somebody people might see and say something like, *That's him?*

He's down from linebacker to 215, and he has details: "Well, a lot of diet changes and eating a lot going down from 5,000 calories to 2,900, whatever it is now. Carrie, my chef, she helps me out with that. But eating properly instead of eating stuff that inflames my body. I took a Zoomer peptide test, which essentially tells you what inflames your blood when you eat it. I was allergic to corn, wheat, gluten, dairy.

"Pretty much everything I liked, I couldn't eat. I took that out. Started taking it out in August, and over the course of time I've lost all this inflammation, lost a lot of fat and slimmed down like crazy. I lost 18 pounds in 24 days. It was crazy. It wasn't fat. It was all water weight. You know how I looked before. I was not skinny."

He retold of a vertigo-ish problem as well.

"Equilibrium was off," he said. "Found out I have problems with my nose, and got that fixed this offseason."

He still drives it like a beast.

"The fast-twitch stuff is still there," he said, soon explaining: "You see a lot of guys that are just lanky, and they just hit it really far. It's because they are fast-twitch."

The drives have tended to stray more.

"Well, hitting the driver straight, finally," he said. "That's the most surprising part because I'm so used to hitting it everywhere. Look, it could happen tomorrow. I don't think it will, but I feel really confident."

The straightness helped him finish seventh last weekend at the LIV event in Oklahoma, his first top-10 finish on the Saudi-backed series, raising him to 28th in the standings of a less-pressured circuit that plays 54-hole events without cuts. Six birdies and two bogeys later, he contends for real at a major for the first time since nine holes remained at the 2021 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines near San Diego, whereupon his backnine, 8-over-par 44 hurled him from first to tied for 26th. He had gone dormant since.

"Golf — and life — always has a good way of kicking you on your you-know-what when you are on your high horse," he said. "It's nice to feel this today."

He felt it by midafternoon on a Thursday that began with a frost advisory and a 110-minute delay, a fresh detail of the PGA's move from August to May in 2019, even if most would deem it preferable to a tornado warning or a humidity assurance.

The frost defrosted toward impossibly pleasant weather as the ecosystem of a major tournament sprang to life. Grand old Oak Hill began its seventh try at this and its first since the 2013 PGA, with considerable renovations including the one at No. 15, the underrated art of pond removal. The sixth hole, a par-3 at the 1989 U.S. Open that staged four holes-in-one in one inconceivable Friday morning, is a par-4. The people flocked onto the East Course, and if you walked the undulations for three hours counting the Buffalo Bills caps, sweaters, sweater vests, ski hats, windbreakers, Josh Allen jerseys and folding-chair sleeves, you might have come up with 61. The canals looked chilly, the oaks looked stately, and the newfangled concessions such as the bourbon "Speakeasy" looked busy.

The day counted as pristine unless you count the early-evening peril of Tom Kim, the 20-year-old ranked 19th in the world, who ventured into something marshy and came out looking something-else muddy, eventually rinsing off in a creek. Kim shot a dour round (3 over when the horn blew), but he had company in that in Masters champion Jon Rahm (who shot a 6-over-par 76), four-time major winner Brooks Koepka (72 off "the worst I've hit it in a long time") and four-time major winner Rory McIlroy (71 after a chip-in save from behind No. 2 he called "massive").

For good vibes, here came 2022 Masters champion Scottie Scheffler, whose 67 became his first major round free of bogeys and who said, "Golf course is in good shape, rough is healthy, feels like a major," and also, "Today was probably the easiest conditions we'll see all week with the golf course." Here came the inexplicable story of Ryan Fox, the Kiwi who shot a 68 after a spring of pneumonia, the birth of a second child, a lack of practice that owed to floods in Auckland and an Auckland-to-Chicago flight.

Later came 2020 Masters and 2016 U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson, another guy who has veered in from LIV, and 2013 Masters champion Adam Scott, still contending more than not at 42, and Cole, whose parents, Laura Baugh and Bobby Cole, both played professional golf.

You can almost see Canada from here, and Canadian Corey Conners shot a 67 alongside Scheffler and said of Oak Hill, "I think it stacks up with some of the toughest major-championship venues that I have ever played." Quite a few have likened it to Winged Foot downstate, where DeChambeau routed that 2020 U.S. Open. "It is [similar], right," he said, "but it is more nuance."

He has battled himself, his busy brain and his golf swing, and then here he was again, in front of listeners, speaking of "a continual process of trying to figure out what's going on because I haven't felt like I have enough energy through the day. Halfway through the day I was crashing, and when I was hitting golf balls, I was like, I get lethargic." He said: "I will say there have been times when it's like, Man, I don't know whether this is worth all of it. But again, like I said, you wake up the next day, and like there's that glimmer of hope, and I want to go do it. It's a bit of an addiction, I can tell you. But it's just about giving yourself hope every single day."

Then one day, you rise again from the mud.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

7 p.m.	**Detroit at Washington** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
7 p.m.	**Baltimore at Toronto** » Apple TV Plus, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7:15 p.m.	**Seattle at Atlanta** » Apple TV Plus
8 p.m.	**Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis** » MLB Network

NBA PLAYOFFS

8:30 p.m.	**Eastern Conference finals, Game 2: Miami at Boston** » TNT

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

8:30 p.m.	**Western Conference finals, Game 1: Dallas at Vegas** » ESPN

WNBA

7 p.m.	**Commissioners Cup: New York at Washington** » NBC Sports Washington, NBA TV
11 p.m.	**Commissioners Cup: Phoenix at Los Angeles** » ESPN

AUTO RACING

3 p.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Tyson 250, practice** » Fox Sports 1
4 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: NASCAR All-Star Open, practice** » Fox Sports 1
5:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: Pit Crew Challenge, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**NHRA: Chicago, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

11 a.m.	**PGA Championship, second round** » ESPN
1 p.m.	**PGA Championship, second round** » ESPN, ESPN2

SOCCER

3 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Monaco at Olympique Lyonnais** » beIN Sports

TENNIS

9:30 a.m.	**WTA: Italian Open, singles semifinals** » Tennis Channel
1 p.m.	**ATP/WTA: Italian Open, doubles semifinals** » Tennis Channel

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

5:30 a.m.	**AFL: Melbourne at Port Adelaide** » Fox Sports 2
11:59 p.m.	**AFL: Adelaide at Western** » Fox Sports 2
2:30 a.m. (Saturday)	**AFL: Geelong at Fremantle** » Fox Sports 1

HOCKEY

9 a.m.	**Men's world championships, Group A: Finland at Hungary** » NHL Network
1 p.m.	**Men's world championships, Group B: Slovakia at Kazakhstan** » NHL Network

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m.	**Oregon at Utah** » Pac-12 Network
5 p.m.	**Maryland at Penn State** » Big Ten Network
6 p.m.	**Stanford at Washington State** » Pac-12 Network
7 p.m.	**Notre Dame at Boston College** » ACC Network
8 p.m.	**Arkansas at Vanderbilt** » SEC Network
8 p.m.	**Indiana at Michigan State** » Big Ten Network
9 p.m.	**UCLA at Arizona State** » Pac-12 Network

NCAA SOFTBALL REGIONALS

Noon	**George Mason at Duke** » ACC Network
1 p.m.	**Mississippi vs. Baylor** » ESPNU
1 p.m.	**Miami (Ohio) vs. Kentucky** » SEC Network
2 p.m.	**Boston vs. Virginia Tech** » ACC Network
3 p.m.	**UNC Greensboro at Clemson** » ESPNU
3 p.m.	**Louisville vs. Indiana** » ESPN2
5 p.m.	**Notre Dame vs. Oregon** » ESPN2
5 p.m.	**Hofstra at Oklahoma** » ESPNU
6 p.m.	**Prairie View A&M at LSU** » SEC Network
7 p.m.	**Central Florida vs. South Carolina** » ESPN2
7 p.m.	**Nebraska vs. Wichita State** » ESPNU
9 p.m.	**Long Beach State at Stanford** » ESPNU
11 p.m.	**San Diego State vs. Liberty** » ESPNU

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Murray, Jokic deliver one-two punch as Denver takes 2-0 lead

NUGGETS 108, LAKERS 103

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

DENVER — Jamal Murray scored 23 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter, propelling the Denver Nuggets to a 108-103 come-from-behind win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Nikola Jokic had his 13th playoff triple-double with 23 points, 17 rebounds and 12 assists for the Nuggets, who have never been this close to reaching the NBA Finals.

Game 3 is Saturday night at Crypto.com Arena, where the Lakers are 8-0 in the playoffs.

Murray missed 12 of his 17 shots through three quarters but found his touch in the fourth, going 6 for 7, including four three-pointers, to fuel a 15-1 run that gave Denver a 96-84 lead.

Just like in Game 1, the Lakers didn't go down easily. They pulled to within three points on Austin Reaves's jumper before Murray sank two free throws with 12 seconds left and Bruce Brown stole the ball from LeBron James, then dribbled out the final eight seconds.

The Nuggets improved to 41-8 at home, best in the NBA, including 8-0 in the playoffs.

James and Reaves both scored 22 points for Los Angeles. Anthony Davis scored 18 after pouring in 40 in the opener, and Rui Hachimura scored 21 points off the bench.

For much of the night, it appeared as if the Lakers would wrest home-court advantage from the Nuggets, who are the top seed for the first time in their history. The Lakers won the series openers at Memphis and Golden State to reach the conference finals.

The outstanding defense Hachimura played on Jokic in the fourth quarter of the Lakers' loss in Game 1 led many to believe Coach Darvin Ham would start Hachimura to try to stymie the Nuggets' star center from the start. But instead he came off the bench again.

And what a spark he provided, sinking all seven of his first-half shots for a game-high 17 points at the half. His three-pointer and pull-up jumper sparked a 9-0 run to open the second quarter and put the Lakers in charge despite slow starts from James and Davis, each of whom were held to two points in the first quarter.

James's breakaway dunk made it 68-57 midway through the third quarter, but the Nuggets got back into it with a 10-0 run and took their first lead since the first quarter when Murray's three-pointer made it 84-83.

— Associated Press

For Nadal, end is near, no French this year

BY CINDY BOREN

Rafael Nadal announced Thursday he will not play in the upcoming French Open, saying in a news conference that the hip injury he suffered during the Australian Open in January has not healed sufficiently. He added that next year "probably is going to be" his last on the professional tennis tour.

Nadal, who turns 37 on June 3, is a 14-time French Open champion, and a statue of him stands outside Roland Garros in Paris. But his inability to play in his signature event is not an especially surprising development given his acknowledged struggle to return to form from the psoas muscle injury he suffered in Melbourne.

"The evolution of the injury I sustained in Australia has not gone as I would have liked," Nadal said at his tennis academy in Manacor, Spain. "I have lost goals along the way, and Roland Garros becomes impossible."

Nadal said he has worked diligently "every single day the last four months," but he and his team have been "unable to find a solution" for the injury. "Today I am still in the position where I am not able to feel myself ready to compete at the standards I need to be to play at Roland Garros."

Nadal said he plans to take an indefinite period away from tennis and is uncertain how long his recovery will take.

"I don't know when I will be able to come back to the practice court, but I will stop for a while," he said. "Maybe two months. Maybe one month and a half. Maybe three months. Maybe four months. I don't know. I'm not the guy who likes to predict the future, but I am just following my personal feelings and just following what I really believe is the right thing to do for my body and for my personal happiness."

Beyond that, he said: "My goal and my ambition is to try to stop [practicing] to give myself an opportunity to enjoy the next year, probably my last year on the professional tour. That's my idea. Even that, I can't say that 100 percent it's going to be like this because you never know what is going to happen, but my idea and motivation is to try to enjoy and to try to say goodbye to all the tournaments that have been important to me in my tennis career."

This will be the first time since 2004 that the "King of Clay" will not play in the French Open, although he withdrew early in the tournament in 2016 because of a broken wrist.

Last month, when he announced his withdrawal from the Madrid Open, Nadal expressed disappointment that what he hoped would be a "six- to eight-week recovery period" from his hip injury was extending much longer.

"I can't give deadlines, because if I knew I would tell you, but I don't know," Nadal said in Spanish in that April 20 announcement on social media. "This is how things are now."

When the French Open begins its main draw play May 28, it will be more than four months since Nadal suffered his injury. He has fallen from the world's top 10 for the first time since April 2005.

Nadal has not played since his second-round Australian Open loss to Mackenzie McDonald on Jan. 18, when he fell well short of defending his last Australian Open title. He is tied with Novak Djokovic for the men's record with 22 Grand Slam singles titles. His 14 French Open titles are a record, and he is the defending champion in Paris.

Injuries to Nadal's knees, elbows, foot and wrist have taken their toll on the Spaniard. Roland Garros will be the ninth tournament he has missed in 2023.



MIQUEL BORRAS/REUTERS

Rafael Nadal will miss the French Open for the first time since 2004 with an injury.

CANDACE BUCKNER

Rocky loss leaves Celtics' Mazzulla needing timeout

BUCKNER FROM D1

gripe that hangs over Mazzulla and one he seems done talking about.

But after the Celtics lost, 123-116, on Wednesday night, largely because of a third-quarter collapse in which they surrendered 46 points, Mazzulla couldn't escape his least favorite topic. After the game, reporters asked variations of the same question. Pretty much: *Hey rookie, why didn't you do anything to break up the Heat's 21-12 run until nearly the midway point of the quarter?*

"Get better shots, don't turn it over, and don't foul, don't give up offensive rebounds and don't give up threes," Mazzulla said, choosing to answer literally a question about what could have been done to stop the run.

And when asked how he balances letting the game play out vs. calling a timeout, Mazzulla, clearly annoyed, responded tersely while dodging the query.

"I called two in the first quarter," Mazzulla chirped.

For the fourth time this postseason, the second-seeded Celtics lost at home. Mazzulla didn't turn the ball over multiple times in the final quarter as all-NBA player Jayson Tatum did. And though he didn't allow the Heat to shoot 51.6 percent from the arc (16 for 31), he will shoulder the majority of criticism for the Game 1 setback. Such is the life of a rookie coach who was given one of the best teams in the NBA — and the pressure of not messing it all up.

We all know the story by now. Mazzulla shouldn't even be in this position. Last year when Ime Udoka, himself a rookie coach at the time, formed the Celtics into a championship-caliber team, Mazzulla was an assistant stationed behind the bench. In October, however, the team suspended Udoka for having an improper relationship with a team employee and promoted the little-known coach from Rhode Island. The regular season went smoothly — the Celtics won 57 games, and Mazzulla finished third in voting for the league's coach of the year honor.

The intense young coach practices jujitsu, plays prison-style ball with his coaching staff and allegedly watches "The Town" four times a week — charming stories, though it was all the wins that helped build Mazzulla's credibility. Those wins also made people forget — or not care — that Mazzulla prefers to give his veteran team the freedom to figure things out. The Celtics have two of the top 15 players in the league in Tatum and Jaylen Brown; Marcus Smart, last season's defensive player of the year; and Malcolm Brogdon, this season's sixth man of the year. Also: Robert Williams III, the lob threat and paint protector, and the respected O.G. of the bunch, Al Horford.

The team is stacked, and Mazzulla has been smart enough to stay out the way, declining to call timeouts when his players hit rough patches. Even when he does stop the action, Mazzulla doesn't appear to dominate a huddle. At times Wednesday, despite being allotted 3 minutes 30 seconds in a timeout, Mazzulla would keep it moving, spending as little as 15 seconds actually addressing players on the sideline.

However, even that brief amount of communication would have been greeted with applause had Mazzulla called for time as Boston's nine-point halftime lead dwindled away. He instead chose to wait until the 6:28 mark. The lead vanished while Miami seized control of the third quarter and ultimately the game. During that timeout, Mazzulla tossed his clipboard and walked away from the huddle.

"Joe is real big on a lot of times not bailing us out on stuff when we're playing like s---. So we've got to look ourselves in the mirror. Joe can call a timeout, and then what, we come out and do the same thing? It's on us," Smart said. "Joe and his coaching staff, they put in a lot of work to come up with a game plan and put us in the right spots to succeed, but they're not out there playing. We've got to come together, and we've got to start helping each other out on both ends."

After the game, Heat Coach Erik Spoelstra could sit in peace. He wasn't asked about his timeout usage. He didn't face any pointed questions from the media about lulls in his team's performance. No second guessing whatsoever.

This tranquility, of course, had everything to do with his team winning on the road. His postgame media session was so easy, so full of respect, that at one point a reporter even attempted to ask Spoelstra about the potential of becoming only the second No. 8 seed to make the NBA Finals — though the Heat still has the arduous task of winning three more times for that scenario to play out.

Across the back corridors of the arena, where the coach of the home team sat and stewed, there were no inquiries about the upcoming Finals. Mazzulla, whose curt and defensive responses to reporters' questions have not helped his cause, faced another interrogation about his choices and his coaching style. Following that media session, Mazzulla walked out, grabbed his backpack, a to-go box of fruit and walked down the hallway with his wife. For a few minutes, at least, the only questions he confronted were inside his own head.



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Celtics Coach Joe Mazzulla, right, was criticized after he waited to use a timeout to stop a run in Game 1.

Interest in women's basketball is soaring. Can WNBA capitalize?

WNBA FROM D1

in Canada and sold out Scotiabank Arena, where the NBA's Toronto Raptors play. Now there's an opportunity to build off a women's NCAA tournament that had the most viewers on ESPN for the national championship game, Final Four, Elite Eight and Sweet 16.

"They've adopted a new audience to consume their game, and this was not a traditional women's college basketball audience," said Phil Cook, the WNBA's chief marketing officer. "It's audiences of sports who love competition, love rivalries, love quality of play on the court, love tension. I think there's a rising tide lifting all boats in the world of women's basketball that we are definitely leaning into."

Commissioner Cathy Engelbert added: "Now we have to make sure we take these great players and, as they come into our league, we continue to market them, put the marketing dollars behind them. . . . Now we've got to bring those fans along with us."

Cook said athlete storytelling — through marketing and the media — is central to attracting and growing the WNBA's audience. But there's a challenge in doing so with popular incoming players. The league has just 12 teams and 144 roster spots, and with the limited opportunities, even the top young players can have trouble making teams.

Emily Engstler, the No. 4 pick from the 2022 draft, was waived by the Indiana Fever and Washington Mystics recently. Former Maryland guard Abby Meyers, the No. 11 pick in 2023, was waived by the Dallas Wings during training camp. Alexis Morris, Brea Beal and Elena Tsineke, all 2023 second-round picks, were waived. Morris became widely popular playing for champion LSU, as did Beal for 2022 champion South Carolina. Monika Czinano, who was a star as Iowa reached the championship game, was drafted 26th but waived by the Los Angeles Sparks.

The list goes on.

Not only are these players widely popular from their exploits on the court, but with NIL now a part of the college landscape, many are coming in with established brands and large social media followings. Rabid fan bases such as LSU's will follow former players such as Morris simply because they're Tigers. When those players don't make the league, those potential fans can fall to the wayside.

"The talent is there. We just need more teams," said Christine Franklin, executive vice president of marketing at Octagon, a sports and entertainment agency. "From a business perspective, that expansion opportunity feels really ripe given the talent and the pipeline of players coming in from the NCAA. There does need to be some person or strategy to get those NCAA players to the bench of the WNBA quicker. How do those top 10 to 20 players make it that first year? Because that's not happening right now."

Still, the interest in the WNBA is in a good place and the league had a popular offseason with player movement, particularly in Las Vegas and New York. Many have dubbed the Aces and Liberty as super teams, with defending champion Las Vegas adding two-time MVP Candace Parker and two-time champion Alysha Clark and New York acquiring a pair of MVPs in Jonquel Jones and Breanna Stewart, along with four-time all-star Courtney Vandersloot.

Plus, Brittney Griner's return to the Phoenix Mercury after she missed last season while being detained in Russia for 10 months is highly anticipated. She already was one of the faces of the league but became a national story as President Biden worked to bring her home. Now there will be even more people following her efforts throughout 2023 and beyond.

The WNBA also installed marketing deals that give players an opportunity to earn money away from the court. This past offseason, the league sent Napheesa Collier (Connecticut), Arike Ogunbowale (Notre Dame) and Kelsey Mitchell (Ohio State) to attend games at their alma maters and interact with fans and boosters to promote the league.

"I think it's really more on the networks to step in and step up in terms of investment of what they create in and around the playoffs and the tournament," said Camille Buxeda, Octogon's director of women's basketball. "This is setting up an incredible table for Cathy and her team at the WNBA to begin negotiations with different networks [before] the next [collective bargaining agreement]. This is all the leverage in the world that Cathy and her W team can really utilize to take to these networks and help them understand."

That may be the biggest opportunity for exponential growth. The WNBA airs games on several platforms, including Ion in a new deal, but ESPN and ABC remain the largest platforms for national games. WNBA games and the NCAA tournament have had strong numbers on major networks. A new deal after the one with ESPN expires in 2025 should give the league an influx of cash and the chance to get in front of more eyeballs.

Liberty and Brooklyn Nets co-owner Clara Wu Tsai recently made the point while discussing a new documentary about the inception of the WNBA during an appearance on "Good Morning America."

"There's been so little media coverage around women's sports," Tsai said. "Even though there's a very proven appetite for women's sports, only about 5 percent of all sports coverage is on women sports. There's just such a lack of storytelling, and I really wanted to bring some national attention to the league and to these amazing athletes."



KATHERINE FREY/THE WASHINGTON POST

Washington and Atlanta are two of just 12 WNBA franchises, making roster spots tough to come by.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	27	16	.628	—	5-5	W-1
Miami	23	21	.523	4½	7-3	W-4
New York	22	23	.489	6	5-5	W-2
Philadelphia	20	23	.465	7	5-5	L-4
Washington	18	26	.409	9½	4-6	L-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	24	19	.558	—	6-4	L-1
Pittsburgh	23	20	.535	1	3-7	W-1
Chicago	19	24	.442	5	2-8	L-5
Cincinnati	19	24	.442	5	5-5	L-1
St. Louis	19	26	.422	6	8-2	W-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	28	17	.622	—	7-3	L-1
Arizona	25	19	.568	2½	6-4	W-1
San Francisco	20	23	.465	7	5-5	W-3
San Diego	20	24	.455	7½	2-8	L-2
Colorado	19	25	.432	8½	6-4	W-1

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	32	13	.711	—	4-6	L-2
Baltimore	28	16	.636	3½	6-4	L-1
Toronto	25	19	.568	6½	5-5	L-1
New York	26	20	.565	6½	7-3	W-1
Boston	24	20	.545	7½	4-6	W-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	24	20	.545	—	5-5	L-1
Cleveland	20	23	.465	3½	5-5	W-1
Detroit	19	22	.463	3½	5-5	L-1
Chicago	16	29	.356	8½	4-6	L-1
Kansas City	14	31	.311	10½	5-5	W-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	26	17	.605	—	6-4	L-1
Houston	24	19	.558	2	7-3	W-4
Los Angeles	23	22	.511	4	4-6	W-1
Seattle	21	22	.488	5	5-5	L-2
Oakland	10	35	.222	17	2-8	L-1

'The bats got cold,' and the Nats get swept

MARLINS 5, NATIONALS 3

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

MIAMI — The Washington Nationals knew entering the season that their margin for error was small. Forty-four games into the campaign, it only has grown more apparent.

Each game of this three-game series in Miami was decided by two runs or fewer. And the Nationals found themselves on the wrong end of all three, with the Marlins completing the sweep by handing the Nationals a 5-3 loss Thursday at LoanDepot Park.

"Tough game," Manager Dave Martinez said. ". . . We just didn't hit enough this series. I thought we pitched pretty good. Just the bats got cold on us, so we got to come back and start swinging the bats."

The Nationals (18-26), as they have so many times this season, came to life in the late innings. Jeimer Candelario and Corey Dickerson both collected RBI hits in the eighth inning to trim the deficit to 4-3. Candelario stood at second base as the tying run when Keibert Ruiz chased a change-up on the first pitch of his at-bat and grounded into a double play to end the threat.

Early in the game, the Nationals limited their chases against Eury Pérez, one of the Marlins' top prospects making his second career start. Pérez, 20, showed his talent Thursday but also a bit of wildness.

Still, Pérez benefited from a few borderline called strikes, and the Nationals were unable to get to him. A big missed chance came when CJ Abrams struck out with a pair of runners on in the second; Abrams finished the series 0 for 11 with eight strikeouts.

The Marlins (23-21) took an early lead when Trevor Williams allowed a second-inning home run to Bryan De La Cruz. Williams left a 1-2 fastball up, and De La Cruz hammered it 402 feet to dead center. Williams then gave up an RBI single to Jean Segura in the third, followed by another to Xavier Edwards in the fourth, and Miami led 3-1.

Pérez tossed five innings, and his lone mistake was Candelario's home run in the fourth. Candelario was one of the few bright spots offensively for the Nationals in the series, going 8 for 11. His batting average jumped from .219 to .253 in the three-game set.



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Jeimer Candelario was one of the few bright spots offensively for the Nationals in the series in Miami, going 8 for 11.

"Making good contact, trying to have good [at-bats]," Candelario said. "I want to be able to be in a good position to help my team win, and I got to keep working really hard to keep doing what I'm doing."

Candelario was one of three veterans signed this past offseason to hit in the middle of Washington's order, joining Dominic Smith and Dickerson. Candelario leads the team in doubles (12) and is tied for the lead in homers (five).

Mason Thompson allowed a run in the seventh before the Nationals cut the deficit to one in the eighth. But Candelario's throwing error in the eighth inning proved costly when De La Cruz reached first. Nick Fortes eventually drove him in with a two-out single off Erasmo Ramirez to give Miami a cushion. And the small details again seemed to come back to haunt the Nationals.

"We made a crucial error there late," Martinez said. ". . . Those little things seem to bite us a little bit. So we just got to play good clean baseball."

Here's what else to know about the Nationals' loss:

Cavalli to travel with team

Cade Cavalli strolled into the visiting locker room in Miami on Thursday afternoon ahead of the series finale. Later on, he greeted teammates as they came in from the buses. Cavalli will travel with the team back to Washington for the weekend series to check in with doctors. Then he will return to West Palm Beach to continue rehabbing from Tommy John surgery.

Cavalli is eight weeks removed from surgery. He's no longer wearing a brace on his right arm, and he can straighten his arm and touch his right shoulder. Cavalli said the next step is to strengthen his forearm; his hand still feels tight, and he doesn't have full flexibility.

"Making [progress] with the range of motion, and arm's feeling really good," Cavalli said. "Hitting every check mark that needs to be hit, and we're really happy with the progress. Being back here is amazing. As you guys can tell, I just feel like a new energy. I miss these guys a ton, so it's great to be able to be around them and watch them play some ball."

Nationals, Reyes agree to deal

The Nationals agreed to a minor league deal with Franmil Reyes on Wednesday, according to a source familiar with the situation. Reyes has two opt-outs, on June 16 and July 1, according to another source familiar with the details of the contract.

Reyes started the season with the Kansas City Royals, with whom he hit .186 in 19 games before being designated for assignment May 8. Reyes has 108 career home runs. If he is eventually called up, Reyes could provide power to a lineup that has just 29 home runs — more than just one other team (Cleveland).

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Detroit Tigers

Today	7:05	MASN
Tomorrow	4:05	MASN2
Sunday	1:35	MASN2

vs. San Diego Padres

Tuesday	7:05	MASN2
Wednesday	7:05	MASN2
Thursday	4:05	MASN2

at Kansas City Royals

May 26	8:10	MASN
May 27	4:10	MASN
May 28	2:10	MASN

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

Marlins 5, Nationals 3

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
García 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.262
Thomas rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.280
Candelario 3b	4	1	2	2	0	1	.253
Dickerson dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.273
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.224
Smith 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.278
Alu lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.231
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Call cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Vargas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.310
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	2	7	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Segura 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.211
Cooper 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.271
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.378
Soler dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.234
De La Cruz lf	4	2	1	1	0	0	.287
Wendle ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.139
Burdick rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.222
Fortes c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.210
Edwards cf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.333
Hampson cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.243
TOTALS	34	5	9	5	1	6	—

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E: Candelario (4). **LOB:** Washington 6, Miami 7. **2B:** Smith (3), Candelario (12), Edwards (1). **HR:** Candelario (5), off Pérez; De La Cruz (4), off Williams. **RBI:** Candelario 2 (17), Dickerson (3), De La Cruz (15), Segura (5), Edwards (1), Cooper (15), Fortes (6). **SB:** Segura (3), Edwards (1), Fortes (2).

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams	6	5	3	3	1	5	4.26
Thompson	1	2	1	1	0	0	4.63
Ramírez	1	2	1	0	0	1	3.86

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pérez	5	3	1	1	1	6	2.79
Barnes	1⅔	1	0	0	0	0	3.44
Okert	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.38
Brazoban	1	4	2	2	0	0	3.65
Floro	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.66

WP: Pérez (1-0); **LP:** Williams (1-2); **S:** Floro (4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Okert 1-0. **HBP:** Williams (Burdick). **T:** 2:16. **A:** 7,752 (37,446).

HOW THEY SCORED

MARLINS SECOND
Jorge Soler strikes out swinging. **Bryan De La Cruz homers.** Joey Wendle grounds out. Peyton Burdick called out on strikes.
Marlins 1, Nationals 0
MARLINS THIRD
Nick Fortes lines out. Xavier Edwards doubles. **Jean Segura singles, Edwards scores.** Garrett Cooper walks. Luis Arraez flies out. Soler strikes out swinging.
Marlins 2, Nationals 0
NATIONALS FOURTH
Jeimer Candelario homers. Corey Dickerson pops out. Keibert Ruiz lines out. Dominic Smith doubles. Jake Alu grounds out.
Marlins 2, Nationals 1
MARLINS FOURTH
De La Cruz lines out. Wendle singles. Burdick hit by pitch. Wendle to second. Fortes flies out, Wendle to third. **Edwards singles, Burdick to third, Wendle scores.** Segura pops out.
Marlins 3, Nationals 1
MARLINS SEVENTH
Fortes singles. Edwards grounds out. Fortes to second. Segura grounds out. **Cooper singles, Fortes scores.** Arraez grounds out.
Marlins 4, Nationals 1
NATIONALS EIGHTH
Alex Call pops out. Luis Garcia singles. Lane Thomas singles. Luis Garcia to second. **Candelario doubles, Thomas to third, Garcia scores. Dickerson singles, Thomas scores.** Keibert Ruiz grounds out. Dickerson out at second.
Marlins 4, Nationals 3
MARLINS EIGHTH
Soler flies out. De La Cruz reaches on error. Throwing error by Candelario. Wendle strikes out swinging. Burdick singles. De La Cruz to second. **Fortes singles, Burdick to third, De La Cruz scores.** Garrett Hampson flies out.
Marlins 5, Nationals 3

NL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.378
Acuña Jr., Atl	.345
Díaz, Col	.331
Estrada, SF	.313
Gurriel Jr., Ari	.310
Freeman, LA	.310

HOME RUNS

Alonso, NY	16
Muncy, LA	14
Wisdom, Chi	12
4 tied	11

RBI

Alonso, NY	37
Murphy, Atl	34
Gorman, StL	33
Muncy, LA	32
Bohm, Phi	32
Arenado, StL	32

ERA

Elder, Atl	1.94
Cobb, SF	1.94
Gallen, Ari	2.36
Keller, Pit	2.38
Steele, Chi	2.44
Kershaw, LA	2.52

SAVES

Doval, SF	11
Hader, SD	11
Díaz, Cin	10
Bednar, Pit	9
Finnegan, Was	8
Johnson, Col	8
Robertson, NY	8

STRIKEOUTS

Strider, Atl	86
Gallen, Ari	70
Keller, Pit	69
Kershaw, LA	63
Wheeler, Phi	61
Greene, Cin	59
Gore, Was	58
Webb, SF	58
Cabrera, Mia	55

AL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Díaz, TB	.321
Bichette, Tor	.319
Chapman, Tor	.318
Arozarena, TB	.317
Hays, Bal	.312
Guerrero Jr., Tor	.312

HOME RUNS

García, Tex	13
Robert Jr., Chi	12
Judge, NY	11
Rooker, Oak	11
Devers, Bos	11
8 tied	10

RBI

García, Tex	46
Devers, Bos	40
Alvarez, Hou	39
Arozarena, TB	36
Semien, Tex	35
Mullins, Bal	34
4 tied	31

ERA

Gray, Min	1.64
Cole, NY	2.01
Rodriguez, Det	2.07
Ryan, Min	2.16
McClanahan, TB	2.34
Kirby, Sea	2.46
Rasmussen, TB	2.62

SAVES

Clase, Cle	15
Bautista, Bal	11
Estévez, LA	10
Romano, Tor	10
Jansen, Bos	9
Sewald, Sea	9

STRIKEOUTS

Gausman, Tor	77
Ohtani, LA	71
Cole, NY	68
López, Min	66
Valdez, Hou	65
3 tied	61

Power display serves as preamble as O's succumb on infield single

ANGELS 6, ORIOLES 5

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

BALTIMORE — In a game featuring home runs from the two best hitters on both teams, it was an infield single that made the difference.

Shohei Ohtani and Mike Trout homered to give the Los Angeles Angels an early lead, and the Baltimore Orioles battled back to take a one-run advantage on long balls from Anthony Santander and Adley Rutschman. But Baltimore's bullpen faltered in the eighth inning of a 6-5 loss Thursday at Camden Yards.

The decisive strike came from Ohtani. It wasn't one of his majestic long balls — as Baltimore's crowd witnessed Monday and Thursday — but rather an infield single that produced the game-winning RBI.

Starting pitcher Tyler Wells was effective aside from the two homers he allowed to the pair of Angels superstars, but the Orioles' bullpen didn't live up to its reputation as the relief unit that entered Thursday with the lowest ERA in MLB. After Mike Baumann allowed a run in the sixth, Bryan Baker, Austin Voth and Danny Coulombe combined to surrender two runs in the eighth — both charged to Baker.

The anti-climactic climax came with two outs and the bases loaded when Ohtani hit a sharp groundball to the right side of the infield. Orioles first baseman Ryan Mountcastle splayed out to corral the grounder, but Coulombe wasn't there in time to accept the toss and retire Ohtani.

"I think Ohtani beats him," Manager Brandon Hyde said. "Watching the replay, I thought Ohtani, kind of a jailbreak swing, and he's three-point-something [seconds] down the line. I think he gets there safe anyways."

— Baltimore Sun

Angels 6, Orioles 5

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Moniak lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.400
Ward ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Trout cf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.280
Ohtani dh	5	1	2	2	0	0	.292
Renfroe rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.250
Drury 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.228
Wallach c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Thaiss ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.299
Rengifo 3b-2b	4	2	3	0	1	0	.222
Neto ss	4	1	1	1	1	2	.236
Soto 2b	1	1	1	0	1	0	1.00
Urshela ph-3b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.298
TOTALS	39	6	13	6	4	13	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Hays lf	4	2	3	0	0	0	.312
Mullins ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.266
Rutschman dh	3	1	1	2	2	0	.285
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.247
Santander rf	3	1	1	2	1	0	.263
McCann c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.190
McKenna cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.311
Mateo ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Henderson 3b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.197
Ortiz 2b	2	1	2	0	0	0	.222
Frazier ph-2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.228
TOTALS	34	5	10	5	4	5	—

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LOB: Los Angeles 11, Baltimore 7. **2B:** Hays (10), Mullins (9). **HR:** Ohtani (10), off Wells; Trout (10), off Wells; Santander (7), off Anderson; Rutschman (7), off Devenski. **RBI:** Ohtani 2 (31), Trout 2 (23), Neto (14), Urshela (18), Mountcastle (31), Santander 2 (24), Rutschman 2 (24). **SB:** Rengifo (3). **SF:** Mountcastle.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson	5	6	3	3	2	2	5.27
Wantz	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.75
Devenski	1	2	2	2	0	0	3.97
Moore	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.23
Estévez	1	2	0	0	1	2	1.35

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wells	5	6	3	3	1	7	2.94
Baumann	⅔	2	1	1	1	0	3.57
Pérez	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.57
Baker	⅔	1	2	2	2	1	2.57
Voth	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	4.64
Coulombe	1⅓	2	0	0	0	4	2.81

WP: Devenski (1-0); **LP:** Baker (3-1); **S:** Estévez (10). **Inherited runners-scored:** Pérez 1-0, Baker 1-0, Voth 2-1, Coulombe 3-1. **IBB:** off Estévez (Rutschman). **HBP:** Voth (Trout). **PB:** McCann (1). **T:** 3:05. **A:** 27,778 (45,971).

Mets 3, Rays 2

Pete Alonso homered for the third straight game while dealing with an illness as New York posted consecutive victories for the first time since April 20-21 in San Francisco.

Josh Lowe homered for MLB-leading Tampa Bay, which closed out a 4-6 road trip that included five one-run losses.

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
J.Lowe rf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.306
Arozarena lf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.317
Ramírez dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.328
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Paredes 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Walls ss-3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.269
L.Raley 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Franco ph-ss	1	0	1	0	0	0	.292
Bethancourt c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Margot cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.235
TOTALS	30	2	6	2	1	7	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.298
Lindor ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.225
McNeil rf-2b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.282
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.234
Baty 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.241
Marte rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Pham lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.216
Vogelbach dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.239
Escobar 2b-3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.211
Pérez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.571
TOTALS	32	3	8	3	3	6	—

TAMPA BAY	100	001	000	—	2	6	0
NEW YORK	100	101	00X	—	3	8	1

E: Baty (2). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 2, New York 8. **2B:** J.Lowe (11), Arozarena (6), Pham (3). **HR:** J.Lowe (10), off Megill; Alonso (16), off Bradley.

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley	5	3	2	2	2	4	3.54
Littell	1	3	1	1	0	1	4.50
Beeks	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.70
Kelley	1	1	0	0	1	0	7.50

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Megill	6	4	2	2	1	4	3.88
B.Raley	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.05
Brigham	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.00
Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.95

WP: Megill (5-2); **LP:** Littell (0-1); **S:** Robertson (8). **Inherited runners-scored:** Brigham 1-0. **IBB:** off Kelley (Vogelbach). **WP:** Bradley. **T:** 2:22. **A:** 29,946 (42,136).

Guardians 3, White Sox 1

Cam Gallagher hit an RBI single during a two-run seventh inning, and Cleveland beat Dylan Cease and Chicago.

Gabriel Arias homered as the Guardians salvaged the finale of the three-game series. Nick Sandlin got four outs for the win, and Emmanuel Clase worked the ninth for his 15th save.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Giménez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Bell dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Brennan rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.211
Arias 1b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.190
Rocchio 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.200
Gallagher c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.070
Straw cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.231
TOTALS	34	3	7	3	1	3	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.264
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.273
Burger 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Grandal dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.294
Benintendi lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.278
Alberto 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Moncada ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.322
Zavala c	4	0	1	1	0	3	.162
Marisnick rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Sheets ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.247
TOTALS	34	1	8	1	1	8	—

CLEVELAND	000	010	200	—	3	7	1
CHICAGO	000	100	000	—	1	8	1

E: Rocchio (2), Anderson (4). **LOB:** Cleveland 5, Chicago 7. **2B:** Arias (3), Robert Jr. (12), Benintendi (12). **HR:** Arias (2), off Cease.

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Allen	5⅔	7	1	1	1	5	3.04
Sandlin	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.71
Stephan	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.53
Clase	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.82

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cease	6⅓	5	3	3	1	3	4.78
Santos	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.35
Bummer	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	9.00
Crochet	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Sandlin (2-1); **LP:** Cease (2-3); **S:** Clase (15). **Inherited runners-scored:** Santos 2-1. **T:** 2:17. **A:** 11,900 (40,241).

Yankees 4, Blue Jays 2

Aaron Judge hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and New York beat Toronto to win for the 11th time in 16 games.

Anthony Volpe also homered for the Yankees, who took three of four from the Blue Jays. The rookie shortstop made it 4-2 with a solo shot off Nate Pearson in the ninth inning, his seventh of the season.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.253
Judge dh	4	1	2	2	0	1	.279
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.295
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Bader cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Cabrera rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.205
Volpe ss	2	1	1	1	1	1	.215
Higashioka c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.197
Hicks lf	4	0	3	1	0	1	.194
TOTALS	35	4	9	4	1	10	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Bichette ss	4	1	3	1	0	1	.328
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.311
Varsho cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.217
Merrifield lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.263
Jansen c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.190
Kirk dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.220
Belt 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Espinal 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.171
Guerrero Jr. ph	0	0	0	1	0	0	.312
Biggio 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.129
TOTALS	31	2	6	2	2	8	—

NEW YORK	200	000	101	—	4	9	0
TORONTO	100	000	100	—	2	6	0

LOB: New York 6, Toronto 5. **2B:** Judge (7), Cabrera (6), Hicks (2). **HR:** Judge (12), off Berríos; Volpe (7), off Pearson; Bichette (9), off Cortes.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes	6	5	2	2	1	6	5.21
Weber	1	1	0	0	1	0	4.26
Abreu	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.71
Marinaccio	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.50

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berríos	6⅔	6	3	3	1	8	4.61
García	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	4.58
Pearson	2	2	1	1	0	1	2.70

WP: Cortes (4-2); **LP:** Berríos (3-4); **S:** Marinaccio (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Weber 1-1, García 1-0. **HBP:** Berríos (Volpe). **T:** 2:29. **A:** 33,290 (49,282).

Cardinals 16, Dodgers 8

Willson Contreras went deep twice as St. Louis routed Los Angeles with seven homers, its most in a home game since 1940.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.252
Thompson rf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.117
Heyward ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Freeman 1b	5	1	2	4	0	0	.313
Smith c	4	1	0	0	1	1	.317
Muncy 3b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.222
Martinez dh	5	0	1	2	0	0	.239
Vargas 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.234
Outman cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Peralta lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.204
Rojas ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.187
TOTALS	38	8	9	8	4	3	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf	5	1	1	1	0	0	.283
Goldschmidt 1b	2	3	0	0	3	0	.302
Contreras c	5	2	2	6	0	2	.256
Arenado dh	4	1	1	2	1	1	.263
Edman rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Yepez ph-lf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.250
Burleson lf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.225
Gorman 3b	5	2	3	3	0	1	.295
DeJong ss	5	1	1	1	0	0	.282
Donovan 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.256
Mercado lf-rf	4	3	3	0	0	0	.750
TOTALS	37	16	12	14	6	5	—

L.A.	200	005	100	—	8	9	1
ST. LOUIS	006	300	07X	—	16	12	2

E: Vargas (4), DeJong (1), Goldschmidt (1). **LOB:** Los Angeles 7, St. Louis 3. **2B:** Betts (13), Martinez (10), Mercado (1). **3B:** Freeman (1). **HR:** Freeman (8), off Cabrera; Muncy (15), off Cabrera; Contreras (4), off Urías; Yepez (2), off Urías; Gorman (11), off Urías; DeJong (6), off Urías; Arenado (9), off Bickford; Contreras (5), off Almonte; Gorman (12), off Almonte.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Urías	3	6	6	6	2	1	4.39
Bickford	1	2	3	3	1	1	5.66
Jackson	3⅓	2	3	3	1	3	7.98
Almonte	⅔	2	4	4	2	0	9.00

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright	5⅔	5	5	2	3	1	5.74
Cabrera	⅓	2	3	3	1	0	5.06
VerHagen	1	2	0	0	0	0	3.97
Hicks	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.30
Stratton	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.70

WP: Wainwright (1-0); **LP:** Urías (5-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Almonte 2-2, Cabrera 2-2. **IBB:** off Almonte (Goldschmidt). **WP:** Almonte. **T:** 3:09. **A:** 36,982 (44,494).

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NOTES

A'S MAY HAVE TO PLAY IN MINOR LEAGUE PARK

A major professional team playing in a minor league venue would have been unheard of just a few years ago, which is what the Oakland Athletics probably will do if they move to Las Vegas.

A's President Dave Kaval has said he would like to break ground next year and move into a new Las Vegas stadium in time for the 2027 season. But the club's lease at Oakland Coliseum runs through 2024, and there is a chance the A's would play the 2025 and 2026 seasons at 10,000-seat Las Vegas Ballpark, home to their Class AAA affiliate, the Aviators.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Dodgers: RHP Dustin May is headed to the injured list with a flexor pronator strain and will miss at least a month.

BY THE NUMBERS

24-3

Record for the Orioles this season when they lead after seven innings.

TODAY

Interleague games

TIGERS AT NATIONALS, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Boyd (L)	2-3	6.47	4-3
Irvin (R)	1-1	4.11	2-1
BREWERS AT RAYS, 6:40			
Houser (R)	0-0	5.19	2-0
McClanahan (L)	7-0	2.34	8-1
NEW YORK AT REDS, 6:40			
Schmidt (R)	1-4	6.30	3-6
Lively (R)	1-1	1.69	0-0
GUARDIANS AT NEW YORK, 7:10			
Quantrill (R)	2-2	3.97	6-2
Carrasco (R)	0-2	8.56	1-2
MARINERS AT BRAVES, 7:20			
Miller (R)	2-0	0.47	3-0
Elder (R)	3-0	1.94	6-2
ROCKIES AT RANGERS, 8:05			
Kauffmann (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0
Pérez (L)	4-1	4.25	5-3
RED SOX AT PADRES, 9:40			
Paxton (L)	0-0	3.60	0-1
Snell (L)	1-5	4.61	1-7

Interleague scores

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 8, at Detroit 0
at L.A. Dodgers 7, Minnesota 3
Arizona 5, at Oakland 3
Kansas City 4, at San Diego 3
at N.Y. Mets 8, Tampa Bay 7 (10)
Atlanta 6, at Texas 5
at Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 6

THURSDAY'S RESULT
at N.Y. Mets 3, Tampa Bay 2

AL games

ORIOLES AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gibson (R)	4-3	4.67	5-4
Kikuchi (L)	5-0	3.89	7-1
ROYALS AT WHITE SOX, 8:10			
Greinke (R)	1-4	5.01	3-6
Kopech (R)	1-4	5.74	3-5
ATHLETICS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Waldichuk (L)	1-2	7.02	5-3
Bielak (R)	0-1	3.29	0-2
TWINS AT ANGELS, 9:38			
Ryan (R)	6-1	2.16	6-2
Detmers (L)	0-3	4.89	2-5

AL scores

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 3, L.A. Angels 1
at Boston 12, Seattle 3
at Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 0 (10)
at Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 2

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Angels 6, at Baltimore 5
Cleveland 3, at Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, at Toronto 2

NL games

DIAMONDBACKS AT PIRATES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gallen (R)	6-1	2.36	7-2
Oviedo (R)	2-3	5.14	3-5
CUBS AT PHILLIES, 7:05			
Stroman (R)	2-4	3.24	3-6
Suárez (L)	0-0	6.75	1-0
DODGERS AT CARDINALS, 8:15			
Gonsolin (R)	1-1	1.42	2-2
Matz (L)	0-4	5.62	2-6
MARLINS AT GIANTS, 10:15			
Alcantara (R)	1-4	4.91	2-6
DeSclafani (R)	3-3	3.06	4-4

NL scores

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Colorado 11, Cincinnati 6
at San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 4
at Miami 4, Washington 3
at St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 0

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
at Miami 5, Washington 3
at St. Louis 16, L.A. Dodgers 8

Virginia men's lacrosse team has plenty of bite on defense

BY GENE WANG

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Two years ago, after the Virginia men's lacrosse team routed Georgetown in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament, Hoyas Coach Kevin Warne compared facing the Cavaliers' close defense to becoming prey in the movie "Jurassic Park."

Warne was referring primarily to 6-foot-7 Cole Kastner and 6-5 Cade Saustad, both of whom he likened to velociraptors because of their length and ability to render far smaller attackmen all but helpless with smothering physicality.

With the schools set to match up again in the same round of the NCAA tournament Saturday afternoon in Albany, N.Y., Kastner, a junior, and Saustad, a redshirt senior, also are back eagerly anticipating the assignment of limiting a potent attack featuring Tewaaraton Award finalist Tucker Dordevic.

The second-seeded Cavaliers (12-3) are seeking a third trip to the Final Four in the past five years, all under Coach Lars Tiffany, and seventh over the past 16 seasons. Virginia's most recent two appearances in the national semifinals yielded consecutive NCAA titles.

"I think we've come a long way," Kastner said Tuesday. "It's hard. Coach Tiffany runs an unbelievable defense, and it took me a long time to learn it my freshman year. I'm still learning it every day in all honesty, but I think now that we're further along this season, everyone's really coming together well, and we're definitely figuring it out."

The close defense had been somewhat in flux since senior starter Quentin Matsui hurt his foot April 15 during a 15-14 loss to Duke in Durham, N.C. Griffin Kology has started in place of Matsui, including in last weekend's 17-8 thumping of Richmond in the Cavaliers' NCAA tournament opener.

Kology, a 6-2 sophomore, transferred to Virginia from Richmond, where he was voted to the Southern Conference second team as well as to the all-freshman team. Among Kology's highlights for the Spiders was helping to orchestrate a stunning 17-13 upset of visiting Virginia.

"You watch an SEC football game, and the running back goes down, at Alabama or Georgia the next guy in is actually better, faster. It's like, 'Whoa, where did this guy come from?' " Tiffany said. "Having Griffin Kology develop this season as he did throughout the spring, and then Q does get hurt, insert Griffin Kology, you don't really miss a beat. It defines what we're pursuing here."

Kology's arrival in Charlottesville was heralded all the more considering older brother Kyle was a starter on close defense for the Cavaliers' national championship teams in 2019 and 2021. Underscoring Kyle Kology's impact was Tiffany calling him the dean of the defense.

Matsui, meanwhile, rejoined the lineup last week and came off the bench to collect four groundballs, the second most for the Cavaliers behind only faceoff specialist Petey LaSalla. At 6 feet, Matsui is the shortest of the regular close defenders but more than compensates with precise timing and footwork on his slides.

"Those two were battling the whole season for that spot, and I think they're both amazing players that do their job really well," Saustad said. "I think Coach [Tiffany] did a good job throughout the whole season playing both, getting them game experience, especially for Griffin, who wasn't at U-Va. last year. It's really amazing having all these players on our team who can step in."

It remains unclear whether Kology or Matsui will start against the Hoyas, but according to Tiffany, both players will undoubtedly get ample opportunity to assist in taming an attack unit comprising accomplished graduate transfers, most notably Dordevic, who played four years at Syracuse.

Virginia's close defenders are plenty familiar with Dordevic, whose 63 goals this year are a single-season record at Georgetown. In 2021 and 2022 the Cavaliers played Syracuse four times, all in the regular season.

Last week, in a 19-17 victory over Yale, Dordevic scored six goals, including five in the first half, to extend the Hoyas' program-record winning streak to 13.

The Cavaliers also have extensive experience in defending Hoyas attackman Jacob Kelly, a transfer from ACC rival North Carolina. Kelly is one of three former Tar Heels players, including midfielder Nicky Solomon, who transferred to Georgetown this season.

The third member of the starting attack is Brian Minicus, who played four years at Colgate. Minicus scored a goal late in the fourth quarter against Yale that put the Hoyas ahead to stay and secured a rematch from 2021, when the Cavaliers defeated Georgetown, 14-3, to advance to the Final Four.

"I look back to my notes from two years ago against Georgetown, and while there are a few similarities, the defensive slide schemes, some of the clearing, a lot of key components are different," Tiffany said. "Kevin Warne and his staff have done a fantastic job with the transfer portal, bringing in superb firepower at both ends of the field, but certainly offensively, so we've got our hands full."

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Defiant Baffert returns to find his sport in crisis

BAFFERT FROM D1

with local horse reporters, he told Trump. But this was his first time under fire in the national media — and on "Saturday Night Live," which had recently lampooned the trainer. He found a sympathetic audience in the ex-president, who mused that "people can be vicious" and counseled him on how to carry on: "You know, just nothing happened. Just go on with your job and keep your head up."

Baffert, famous for sparring with regulators, probably didn't need advice on stubborn persistence. But in the two years since that conversation, he has indeed cut a Trump-like arc. And when he enters National Treasure at Saturday's Preakness, Baffert, having served a patchwork of suspensions stemming from the Medina Spirit violation, will make his return to the Triple Crown stage arguably more powerful and more defiant than ever — even as his sport reels from another disastrous main event.

Baffert has called himself the victim of "cancel culture," lamenting what he describes as the unfair demise of his career while working to clear bans and suspensions in Kentucky, New York and elsewhere. He has mostly failed to win in court, but the campaign of attrition appears to have fatigued his loudest critics. And despite his claims of ruin, Baffert's business has actually thrived thanks to his loyal base: thoroughbred owners who have given him a near-monopoly over elite racing in his home state of California. Now he arrives at Pimlico to a sport in existential crisis and divided by stalled efforts to enact federal regulation of the sport.

In interviews, Baffert's lead attorney, Clark Brewster, complained of unfair courts and regulators and claimed Baffert was scapegoated by a movement within thoroughbred racing to implement federal oversight of drug violations. "A lot of people were clamoring for more enforcement of horse racing from a medication standpoint, and after the Derby when the lab found 21 picograms in urine — eureka!" said Brewster, referring to the amount of betamethasone detected in Medina Spirit's sample.

"Baffert was just iconic enough . . . that everyone wants to take a shot, but no one wants to write the article that says: 'You know what? This was really overdone,' " Brewster added.

The attorney initially raised the prospect of a reporter visiting Baffert at his barn near San Diego before the trainer headed to Maryland for the Preakness. But he later said Baffert would be unavailable for a meeting or phone interview because the trainer was "fully tuned to the details and final prep for the Pimlico horses."

Taking on 'the science'

When Medina Spirit tested positive for betamethasone, an anti-inflammatory, it was Baffert's fifth positive drug test in 13 months and 30th over four decades in racing. He blamed a familiar culprit: "the science."

"That's the only thing on this sport — you can follow the rules and still get in trouble because they don't have the science," Baffert later testified.

After the Derby, Baffert went on a press tour blaming that science, as well as a conspiracy against him, while insisting he had never given the horse betamethasone or any other ointment. But his longtime veterinarian had documented his use of Otomax, a medication containing betamethasone, on the horse.

Baffert's shifting stories contributed to the decision to ban him, Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson later testified. "It just seemed like it was just a lack of understanding of what his horse was being administered race day or the day before race day," Anderson said.

Baffert's suspensions are over; he's eligible to enter a horse at New York's Belmont Stakes in June to round out the Triple Crown series. But his fight isn't over, including an ongoing lawsuit against Churchill Downs and an appeal to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.



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Medina Spirit won the Kentucky Derby in 2021 but was disqualified after a positive drug test.

In legal filings, Baffert has been dire about the effects of the punishments on his business. He claimed in affidavits that the two-year ban from the Derby, in which two of Baffert's horses started their path to Triple Crowns, "will effectively put me out of business."

But that was certainly not so in California, where he has long wielded clout in the industry. Citizens there urged racing regulators to levy a lengthy suspension against Baffert. "Mr. Bob Baffert and the Kentucky Derby are not on the agenda," one commissioner said, and the industry stuck by him. That included, notably, Medina Spirit's owner, Amr Zedan.

The Saudi billionaire testified in Baffert's defense, calling Baffert's barn "basically the Beverly Hills Hotel and the Four Seasons, if you will, of horses." And he was among the owners of horses in a race at Santa Anita Park near Los Angeles in February that fully displayed Baffert's dominance: 14 of the 16 horses that were nominated and all four of the horses that ended up racing were Baffert trainees. Baffert earned roughly $9.7 million in North American races for his owners in 2022, a modest year by his standards but only $500,000 less than he earned in 2019, the last pre-pandemic year before the scandal.

While Baffert dominated his competition in California, his lawyers attempted to refashion his legacy in court. In court filings, his attorneys tallied only "fully adjudicated medication positives" and only those since 2005 — of which by their count there were nine, not 30. They reduced even more drastically the death toll attributed to him. The Washington Post found in 2021 that 74 horses had died in Baffert's care in California and that his horses have the highest rate of deaths per start among top trainers in the state. In court filings, however, Baffert's team cited an obscure database tracking only some deaths in recent years and operated by a Kentucky nonprofit to peg the Baffert death toll at five.

Baffert's actual toll has increased by at least three since his last Derby, records show. Medina Spirit died of a heart attack in December 2021. Then, last July, a 2-year-old horse called Rapacious was euthanized after falling on its back during a workout. And in January, Alsalam, a 3-year-old owned by Zedan, was euthanized following a workout. Veterinary notes describing Alsalam's death read: "Went wrong pulled up, vanned off."

No necropsy was performed. Amanda Drummond, an official at the California Horse Racing Board, said that was because Alsalam died at an equine hospital. The board is "presently advancing a regulation" that would require necropsies in those cases, Drummond said.

Brewster called The Post's count "false" and said it was unfair to monitor all deaths in Baffert's care. In many cases, he said, "it doesn't have anything to do with training — it has to do with natural events that occur with all animals that can cause an injury or death."

Stalled reforms

Shortly before he left office, Trump signed an act resulting in the creation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority, a regulatory body to oversee drug rules in the sport.

But its anti-doping efforts have stalled, primarily because of legal challenges by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, an industry group that includes racehorse owners and trainers. HISA is now slated to go into effect Monday, two days after the Preakness.

HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus said in an interview Thursday that she is "very confident" the authority will not be delayed further by last-minute legal efforts. Lazarus said HISA will start every trainer with a clean slate in terms of tracking — and punishing — drug violations.

"I would say to any trainer who has proclaimed their innocence and feels like they were wrongly treated by the system . . . now's an opportunity to show that you're doing things the right way," Lazarus said.

Arthur Hancock III, a Kentucky breeder, is among those horsemen who helped push for the bill. In the wake of the deaths at the Derby, he expressed pessimism about whether the sport can be finally cleaned up. Churchill Downs suspended a trainer of two of the horses indefinitely and in a statement said the deaths, though "anomalies," were "unacceptable."

Hancock said the opinion among some horsemen is that "they're cheating more than ever now" amid a vacuum of enforcement. "Status quo, business as usual — I mean, that's what it looks like to me," Hancock said.

Monty Roberts, a retired horse trainer who has sparred with Baffert for years, expressed hope that the sport will be run more strictly under the new authority. In that case, he said, he welcomed Baffert's return.

"I would love it if he could just compete with everybody on a clean basis," Roberts said. "Because then you would see how good he is. The way it is now, he wins a race and you say, 'Oh, I wonder what that horse is on.' "

BARRY SVRLUGA

As the Triple Crown makes its annual stop in Baltimore, a specter comes with it

SVRLUGA FROM D1

why — the more important news Saturday will be less about who won the race than whether the eight animals asked to run 1 3/16 miles all make it back to the barn in good health. A sport, for now, holds its breath.

"He behaved perfectly," said Gustavo Delgado Jr., the Venezuelan who works closely with his father, Mage's trainer, after the workout. "Did everything right. Then when he came back, he looked more professional today than yesterday. And on his way back to the barn he was calm and collected."

That's not really this sport at this moment, calm and collected. The people who own these horses and care for these horses and *love* these horses say time and again how well they're cared for, and in a blanket sense, that's true.

"They're like their kids," said Chase Chamberlin, half of a partnership that owns a quarter of Mage. "They really are."

But would parents ask their children to participate in an activity that results in 1.25 deaths per 1,000 starts? That's the number the Jockey Club, a trade organization, cites as the equine fatality rate for racehorses in 2022 — which is an improvement, the lowest since the organization started keeping track in 2009.

There is so much at work here, and it's so easy for vultures to swirl when horses fall in such numbers — as they did at Santa Anita in 2019, when the California track lost 30 horses in the winter and spring and then another in the high-profile Breeders' Cup Classic that November. But it's hard to marry the notion that those who know the sport from the inside are open to — and in fact push for — changes to how horses are medicated and evaluated for competition when some of those same people have fought against such standards. Horse racing and the general public have a trust problem, and it's well earned.

Consider this: When Congress brought forth a bill known as the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act in 2020 — after the spate of deaths at Santa Anita — associations and state officials in Louisiana, Texas and West Virginia sued to strike the measure down. A path to progress?

The objections were mostly around logistics — who would have power to oversee what. The optics stunk. The result is that new anti-doping and medicine control standards were delayed by more than a year. Legal haggling has them going into effect . . . Monday, two days after the Preakness. There is, too, this backdrop: Two of the sport's most decorated trainers, Hall of Famers Todd Pletcher and Bob Baffert, were suspended by racing authorities in New York and Kentucky, respectively, for positive drug tests in their horses.

This is the best the sport has to offer, trailed by suspicion and pleas for understanding?

"Our horse's care comes first," Chamberlin said Thursday, and he no doubt means it.

"One breakdown is too many," he said. "It is a very rare occurrence. I think there's an element of, everybody needs to keep their side of the street clean. That's one way to start."

But what about the owner in the next stall? If the general public looks askance at statements like that — knowing horses have been drugged, knowing horses have died and knowing some within the sport have pushed back on change — who can blame them?

"We have this HISA organization that is trying to get off the ground, and our own horsemen are fighting it," said longtime Maryland-based trainer Graham Motion, who won the 2011 Kentucky Derby with Animal Kingdom. "That is such a shame. We have got to evolve with the times, and we need national organization. They *have* to give this a chance."

There is, for now, no known link among the deaths that led up to the Kentucky Derby. But what is undeniable is that, even in good times, these horses are massive, 1,000-pound animals riding at great speeds with human beings on their backs. They are, at the same time, incredibly fragile and incapable of describing their aches and pains.

"An athlete comes off at halftime of the Super Bowl and says, 'My ankle is killing me,' and you can handle that as you want," Motion said Thursday by phone. "He's got a choice whether you treat the ankle, or he gets pulled out of the game. We have the responsibility of looking after the horses, and they can't tell us what hurts. *We* have to figure that out."

And when a horse can't speak for itself, a vet must make the call. That's what happened to Derby favorite Forte, trained by Pletcher, who was scratched in the hours before the race because state racing commission veterinarian Nick Smith thought the horse was affected by a bruised foot.

"We've all been in that situation," Motion said. "It's just magnified 100-fold when it's the Kentucky Derby. I'm sure that it's something that any other day of the week, it would have been acceptable. But with the pressure that's on our sport on that day and the eyes of the world are watching, you have to sympathize with the veterinarians who just have to be incredibly cautious."

So here comes the Preakness, in which Mage is the only Derby horse who will run just two short weeks later. That's the first time in 54 years that just one horse who ran the Derby will run here. That's caution — understandably.

"I don't think there's any trainer who'll tell you he's 100 percent sure that he's not going to regret that kind of thing," Delgado Jr. said. ". . . But all the signs . . . that we wanted to see in order to take this chance are there."

Go to any betting window at Pimlico, and that's what you're taking: a chance. What the sport of horse racing says it doesn't want to do is to take chances with its athletes — equine and human — or its future. Hold your breath for the racing to be over and for long-awaited change to come.

DCIAA OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

McKinley Tech boys overcome adversity to repeat; Dunbar girls win handily

BY IAN DECKER

The D.C. Interscholastic Athletic Association outdoor track and field championships ended a lot like the indoor meet — with McKinley Tech's boys and Dunbar's girls hoisting trophies. The major difference Thursday was the 70-degree weather at Spingarn-Phelps Stadium.

For McKinley, which repeated as outdoor champion after winning by fewer than 20 points a year ago, the title was even more impressive after the Trainers lost top hurdler Akeem Dyson to a broken leg a day earlier. The Trainers won with 185 points, well clear of runner-up Jackson-Reed (137) and third-place Banneker (119).

"Before the meet," Coach Nathaniel Metts said, "I said: 'Listen, we one man down. Somebody in his group [needs] to step up. Somebody step up and give us something special.' And it was more than a few [that did that]."

The Trainers won three sprint events (the 100 meters, 200 and 400), the 110 and 300 hurdles and the triple jump and shot put.

McKinley also dominated the awards. Ayotunde Ejiko, who won gold in the 100 (11.02), 200 (a personal record 21.70) and 400 (another PR of 49.14), was named best track runner. Sophomore Khalil Brooks was recognized as the top field competitor, and Metts took home coach of the year honors.

"Everyone on the team played a crucial part in making this count," Ejiko said. "From our throwers to our jumpers, sprinters and long distance, everyone got up. The goal was to win a championship, and we did."

For Dunbar's girls, the crown was a measure of redemption after they lost by 15 points at this meet last spring. The Crimson Tide won with 202 points. Jackson-Reed, the defending champion, was runner-up with 143, and School Without Walls took third (112).

"They were a little disappointed that we gave it away last year," Coach Marvin Parker said. "So they came out hard and practiced hard this week. To send our senior class out with a great championship, I think everybody's happy."

Jackson-Reed sprinter Indie Wallace-Persaud, who captured the 100 (12.17) and 200 (24.84), claiming two PRs in the process, and Coach Tia Clemmons won all-conference awards.

And School Without Walls sophomore Nadia Lytle was named outstanding field athlete after winning the shot put (36 feet 2.75 inches) and the discus. Her throw of 117-4 in the latter was not only a PR but also broke a 36-year-old meet record.

But with seven first-place finishes, not only did the Crimson Tide avenge last year's defeat, but the seniors reveled in the warmth of a spring championship after two missed covid seasons and a stunning loss last May.

"This is my last year," Anaya Lowder said. "It's my last championship, city championship, with the group of people I started with. I'm glad we finished off strong."

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED BUCKS, 4-1
Game 1: Miami 130, at Milwaukee 117
Game 2: at Milwaukee, 138, Miami 122
Game 3: at Miami 121, Milwaukee 99
Game 4: at Miami 119, Milwaukee 114
Game 5: Miami 128, at Milwaukee 126 (OT)

CELTICS ELIMINATED HAWKS, 4-2
Game 1: at Boston 112, Atlanta 99
Game 2: at Boston 119, Atlanta 106
Game 3: at Atlanta 130, Boston 122
Game 4: Boston 129, at Atlanta 121
Game 5: Atlanta 119, at Boston 117
Game 6: Boston 128, at Atlanta 120

76ERS ELIMINATED NETS, 4-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 101
Game 2: at Philadelphia 96, Brooklyn 84
Game 3: Philadelphia 102, at Brooklyn 97
Game 4: Philadelphia 96, at Brooklyn 88

KNICKS ELIMINATED CAVALIERS, 4-1
Game 1: New York 101, at Cleveland 97
Game 2: at Cleveland 107, New York 90
Game 3: at New York 99, Cleveland 79
Game 4: at New York 102, Cleveland 93
Game 5: New York 106, at Cleveland 95

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED TIMBERWOLVES, 4-1
Game 1: at Denver 109, Minnesota 80
Game 2: at Denver 122, Minnesota 113
Game 3: Denver 120, at Minnesota 111
Game 4: at Minnesota 114, Denver 108 (OT)
Game 5: at Denver 112, Minnesota 109

LAKERS ELIMINATED GRIZZLIES, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 128, at Memphis 112
Game 2: at Memphis 103, L.A. Lakers 93
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 111, Memphis 101
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 111 (OT)
Game 5: at Memphis 116, L.A. Lakers 99
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 125, Memphis 85

WARRIORS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-3
Game 1: at Sacramento 126, Golden State 123
Game 2: at Sacramento 114, Golden State 106
Game 3: at Golden State 114, Sacramento 97
Game 4: at Golden State 126, Sacramento 125
Game 5: Golden State 123, at Sacramento 116
Game 6: Sacramento 118, at Golden State 99
Game 7: Golden State 120, at Sacramento 100

SUNS ELIMINATED CLIPPERS, 4-1
Game 1: L.A. Clippers 115, at Phoenix 110
Game 2: at Phoenix 123, L.A. Clippers 109
Game 3: Phoenix 129, at L.A. Clippers 124
Game 4: Phoenix 112, at L.A. Clippers 100
Game 5: at Phoenix 136, L.A. Clippers 130

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT LEADS CELTICS, 1-0
Game 1: Miami 123, at Boston 116
Friday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Sunday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
Tuesday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Thursday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS LEAD LAKERS, 2-0
Game 1: at Denver 132, L.A. Lakers 126
Game 2: at Denver 108, L.A. Lakers 103
Saturday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ABC
Monday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Wednesday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
x-Friday, May 26: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN

NBA FINALS
TBD

Nuggets 108, Lakers 103

L.A. Lakers	27	26	26	24	— 103
Denver	27	21	28	32	— 108

L.A. LAKERS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
James	40:08	9-19	4-4	0-9	10	2	22
Vanderbilt	16:48	1-2	2-2	0-2	0	1	4
Davis	40:57	4-15	9-11	1-14	4	4	18
Reaves	36:03	8-16	1-1	1-3	5	3	22
Russell	32:50	3-8	3-4	0-3	5	2	10
Hachimura	30:07	8-10	4-4	1-2	1	4	21
Schroder	29:57	2-9	0-0	1-6	0	2	4
Walker IV	12:58	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	2
Thompson	0:12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	36-82	23-26	4-40	26	19	103

Percentages: FG .439, FT .885. **3-Point Goals:** 8-30, .267 (Reaves 5-9, Hachimura 1-2, Davis 1-3, Russell 1-5, Walker IV 0-2, Schroder 0-3, James 0-6). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Blocks:** 7 (Davis 4, James 2, Russell). **Turnovers:** 12 (Davis 4, James 3, Reaves 2, Hachimura, Russell, Schroder). **Steals:** 10 (James 4, Russell 2, Davis, Hachimura, Reaves, Schroder). **Technical Fouls:** None.

DENVER	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Gordon	38:56	5-9	0-0	2-4	2	2	10
Porter Jr.	31:17	5-10	2-2	0-7	3	3	16
Jokic	41:57	9-21	5-6	4-17	12	3	23
Caldwell-Pope	25:39	3-8	0-0	1-3	2	3	8
Murray	42:42	11-24	9-10	2-10	5	1	37
Brown	37:17	5-11	0-0	1-5	3	2	12
Green	14:46	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	2	2
Braun	4:30	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Jackson	2:56	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	39-89	16-18	11-49	27	18	108

Percentages: FG .438, FT .889. **3-Point Goals:** 14-38, .368 (Murray 6-14, Porter Jr. 4-7, Brown 2-4, Caldwell-Pope 2-5, Braun 0-1, Gordon 0-2, Green 0-2, Jokic 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Blocks:** 2 (Brown, Gordon). **Turnovers:** 15 (Jokic 5, Gordon 3, Murray 3, Porter Jr. 3, Caldwell-Pope). **Steals:** 8 (Murray 4, Jokic 3, Brown). **Technical Fouls:** Nuggets, 9:21 first.

NBA POSTSEASON SCORING LEADERS
Entering Thursday's game.

SCORING	G	AVG
Booker, PHO	11	33.7
Butler, MIA	11	31.5
Jokic, DEN	12	31.0

WNBA

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

REGULAR SEASON BEGINS
FRIDAY'S GAMES
New York at Washington, 7
Connecticut at Indiana, 7
Chicago at Minnesota, 8
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 11

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Dallas, 1
Las Vegas at Seattle, 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Connecticut, 1
Indiana at New York, 2
Chicago at Phoenix, 4

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Connecticut at Washington, 7
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA women's tournament

FIRST ROUND
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pennsylvania 13, Connecticut 8
Johns Hopkins 19, Massachusetts 8
at James Madison 12, Army 8
at North Carolina 16, Sacred Heart 5
at Loyola (Md.) 11, Fairfield 6
Michigan 13, Central Michigan 6
at Florida 13, Jacksonville 7
Maryland 11, Drexel 6
Richmond 18, Marquette 8
at Denver 10, Southern California 7
Stony Brook 12, Penn State 8
Notre Dame 21, Mercer 6
Albany 16, Virginia 14

SECOND ROUND
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 16, Richmond 12
Notre Dame 16, at Florida 15
at Northwestern 8, Michigan 7
at James Madison 15, Maryland 14
at Boston College 9, Pennsylvania 7
at Loyola (Md.) 9, Stony Brook 8
at Syracuse 25, Johns Hopkins 8
at Denver 8, Albany 6

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Syracuse 13, James Madison 7
Boston College 20, Notre Dame 6
Denver 5, North Carolina 4
Northwestern 16, Loyola (Md.) 6

SEMIFINALS
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
FRIDAY, MAY 26
Northwestern vs. Denver, TBA, ESPNU
Boston College vs. Syracuse, TBA, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 28
TBA, noon, ESPN

NCAA men's tournament

PLAY-IN GAME
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
at Delaware 25, Marist 10

FIRST ROUND
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Virginia 17, Richmond 8
at Notre Dame 20, Utah 7
at Georgetown 19, Yale 17
Army 16, at Maryland 15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Johns Hopkins 22, Bryant 8
Michigan 15, at Cornell 14 (OT)
at Duke 12, Delaware 11
at Penn State 13, Princeton 12

QUARTERFINALS
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Virginia vs. Georgetown, noon, ESPNU
Michigan vs. Duke, 2:30, ESPNU

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Army vs. Penn State, noon, ESPNU
Johns Hopkins vs. Notre Dame, 2:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY, MAY 27
TBA, noon, ESPNU
TBA, 2:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
MONDAY, MAY 29
TBA, 1, ESPNU

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Baltimore Orioles: Acquired SS Robbie Glendenning from Kansas City in exchange for cash considerations and assigned him to Norfolk (IL).
Boston Red Sox: Optioned LHP Ryan Sherriff to Worcester (IL).
Cleveland Guardians: Sent RHP Aaron Civale to Columbus (IL) on a rehab assignment.
New York Yankees: Placed C Jose Trevino on the 10-day IL. Recalled C Ben Rortvedt from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Sent RHP Tommy Kahnle to Tampa (FSL) on a rehab assignment.
Tampa Bay Rays: Recalled RHP Taj Bradley from Durham (IL). Optioned RHP Zack Burdi to Durham.
Los Angeles Dodgers: Recalled RHP Andre Jackson and LHP Justin Bruihl from Oklahoma City (PCL). Designated RHP Dylan Covey for assignment. Placed RHP Dustin May on the 15-day IL.

MILB

Evansville Otters: Sold the contract o RHP Eric Foggo to the New York Mets.
Lake Eric Crushers: Released RHP Gabriel Tapia.
Windy City Thunderbolts: Signed LHP Josh Smith.

NFL

Arizona Cardinals: Signed CB Garrett Williams and WR Brian Cobbs.
Baltimore Ravens: Signed OT Jaylon Thomas.
Carolina Panthers: Released QB Jacob Eason and WR Preston Williams.
Denver Broncos: Signed LB Drew Sanders.
Houston Texans: Signed DT Byron Cowart, DE Dylan Horton and CB Shaquill Griffin. Released TE Eric Tomlinson. Placed DT Taylor Stallworth on injured reserve.
Las Vegas Raiders: Waived DE Brock Martin.
New England Patriots: Place OT Yodny Cajuste on waivers.
New York Giants: Signed CB Deonte Banks.
New York Jets: Signed OT Carter Warren.
Philadelphia Eagles: Signed OL Tyler Steen and DB Sydney Brown.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Signed OL Dylan Cook.
Tennessee Titans: Signed TE Alize Mack.

WNBA

Minnesota Lynx: Waived Fs Damaris Dantas and Taylor Soule.

MLS

MLS: Awarded expansion team to San Diego.
Atlanta United: Agreed to transfer M Luiz Araujo to Flamengo (Brazil Serie A) after June 24, pending receipt of his international transfer certificate (ITC) and a physical.

COLLEGES

California: Hired Kiara Russell as women's basketball director of player development.

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED BRUINS, 4-3
Game 1: at Boston 3, Florida 1
Game 2: Florida 6, at Boston 3
Game 3: Boston 4, at Florida 2
Game 4: Boston 6, at Florida 2
Game 5: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)
Game 6: at Florida 7, Boston 5
Game 7: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Game 2: at Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Game 3: at N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 1
Game 4: Carolina 5, at N.Y. Islanders 2
Game 5: N.Y. Islanders 3, at Carolina 2
Game 6: Carolina 2, at N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)

DEVILS ELIMINATED RANGERS, 4-3
Game 1: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 2: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 3: New Jersey 2, at N.Y. Rangers 1 (OT)
Game 4: New Jersey 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
Game 5: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Game 6: at N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 2
Game 7: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

MAPLE LEAFS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-2
Game 1: Tampa Bay 7, at Toronto 3
Game 2: at Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Toronto 4, at Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 5, at Tampa Bay 4 (OT)
Game 5: Tampa Bay 4, at Toronto 2
Game 6: Toronto 2, at Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-2
Game 1: Los Angeles 4, at Edmonton 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
Game 3: at Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)
Game 4: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4 (OT)
Game 5: at Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 3
Game 6: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4

STARS ELIMINATED WILD, 4-2
Game 1: Minnesota 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 7, Minnesota 3
Game 3: at Minnesota 5, Dallas 1
Game 4: Dallas 3, at Minnesota 2
Game 5: at Dallas 4, Minnesota 0
Game 6: Dallas 4, at Minnesota 1

KRAKEN ELIMINATED AVALANCHE, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 3 at Colorado 1
Game 2: at Colorado 3, Seattle 2
Game 3: Colorado 6, at Seattle 4
Game 4: at Seattle 3, Colorado 2
Game 5: Seattle 3, at Colorado 2
Game 6: Colorado 4, at Seattle 1
Game 7: Seattle 2, at Colorado 1

GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1
Game 1: Winnipeg 5, at Vegas 1
Game 2: at Vegas 5, Winnipeg 2
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Winnipeg 4 (2OT)
Game 4: Vegas 4, at Winnipeg 2
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HURRICANES VS. PANTHERS
Game 1: Florida at Carolina, late
Saturday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
Monday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
Wednesday, May 24: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Friday, May 26: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
x-Sunday, May 28: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, May 30: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS VS. STARS
Friday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 8:30, ESPN
Sunday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 3, ABC
Tuesday, May 23: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
Thursday, May 25: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Saturday, May 27: Dallas at Vegas, 8, ABC
x-Monday, May 29: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Wenesday, May 31: Dallas at Vegas, 9, ESPN

STANLEY CUP FINALS
TBD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Monday.
1. Ross Chastain, 429.
2. Christopher Bell, 402.
3. Kevin Harvick, 400.
4. Denny Hamlin, 393.
5. William Byron, 387.
6. Martin Truex Jr, 385.
7. Ryan Blaney, 381.
8. Tyler Reddick, 371.
9. Brad Keselowski, 365.
10. Kyle Larson, 363.
11. Kyle Busch, 353.
12. Joey Logano, 334.
13. Chris Buescher, 329.
14. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 325.
15. Bubba Wallace, 293.
16. Chase Briscoe, 275.
17. Alex Bowman, 270.
18. Daniel Suárez, 262.
19. Ty Gibbs, 260.
20. Austin Cindric, 248.
21. Michael McDowell, 241.
22. Todd Gilliland, 240.

Formula One

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Max Verstappen, 119.
2. Sergio Perez, 105.
3. Fernando Alonso, 75.
4. Lewis Hamilton, 56.
5. Carlos Sainz Jr, 44.
6. George Russell, 40.
7. Charles Leclerc, 34.
8. Lance Stroll, 27.
9. Lando Norris, 10.
10. Pierre Gasly, 8.
11. Nico Hulkenberg, 6.
12. Esteban Ocon, 6.
13. Valtteri Bottas, 4.
14. Oscar Piastri, 4.
15. Guanyu Zhou, 2.
16. Yuki Tsunoda, 2.
17. Kevin Magnussen, 2.
18. Alexander Albon, 1.
19. Logan Sargeant, 0.
20. Nyck De Vries, 0.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	8	1	3	27	18	12
New England	7	2	3	24	19	11
Nashville	6	3	4	22	17	8
Atlanta	6	4	3	21	25	21
Columbus	5	4	3	18	23	14
Philadelphia	5	4	3	18	17	14
Charlotte FC	5	5	3	18	18	23
D.C. United	4	5	4	16	16	16
New York City FC	4	5	4	16	15	16
Orlando City	4	4	4	16	13	15
Inter Miami CF	5	7	0	15	13	14
CF Montréal	5	7	0	15	11	20
Chicago	3	4	5	14	15	18
New York	2	4	7	13	8	11
Toronto FC	2	4	7	13	13	17

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	4	2	23	20	11
Los Angeles FC	6	1	4	22	21	9
FC Dallas	6	3	3	21	15	12
St. Louis City SC	6	4	1	19	22	13
San Jose	5	4	3	18	16	16
Portland	4	5	4	16	18	19
Minnesota United	4	5	3	15	11	14
Houston	4	5	2	14	10	10
Vancouver	3	4	5	14	16	14
Austin FC	3	5	4	13	12	18
Real Salt Lake	3	6	3	12	10	20
Colorado	2	5	6	12	10	18
Sporting KC	2	7	4	10	9	17
LA Galaxy	2	7	3	9	10	20

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 1, at D.C. United 1
at Chicago 1, St. Louis City SC 0
Charlotte FC 3, at Atlanta 1
Orlando City 2, at Columbus 2
at Miami 2, New England 1
at CF Montréal 2, Toronto FC 0
at New York 1, New York City FC 0
FC Dallas 1, at Austin FC 0
Seattle 1, at Houston 0
at Sporting KC 3, Minnesota 0
Philadelphia 2, at Colorado 1
Los Angeles FC 3, at Real Salt Lake 0
Portland 3, at Vancouver 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at LA Galaxy 2, San Jose 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 0, at Philadelphia 0
at Atlanta 4, Colorado 0
at Charlotte FC 2, Chicago 1
at Cincinnati 3, CF Montréal 0
at Columbus 2, LA Galaxy 0
New York City FC 1, at Orlando City 1
New York 0, at Toronto FC 0
at FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1
at Minnesota 1, Houston 0
at Nashville 2, Miami 1
Portland 0, at Real Salt Lake 0
Sporting KC 1, at Los Angeles FC 1
Austin FC 2, at Seattle 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
LA Galaxy at D.C. United, 7:30
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30
Orlando City at Miami, 7:30
CF Montréal at New York, 7:30
New England at Philadelphia, 7:30
Toronto FC at Austin FC, 8:30
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30
Houston at FC Dallas, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9:30
Sporting KC at St. Louis City SC, 9:30
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Minnesota at Portland, 10:30
Seattle at Vancouver, 10:30

Austin FC 2, Sounders 1

Late Wednesday

AUSTIN FC	1	1	2
SEATTLE	0	1	1

First Half: 1, Austin FC, Finlay, 1 (Lundqvist), 36th minute.
Second Half: 2, Austin FC, Zardes, 1 (Finlay), 57th; 3, Seattle, Montero, 1 (Heber), 79th.
Goalies: Austin FC, Bradley Stuver, Matt Bersano; Seattle, Stefan Frei, Stefan Cleveland.
Yellow Cards: Pereira, Austin FC, 74th; Bruin, Austin FC, 90th+1.**A:** 30,026.
Austin FC, Bradley Stuver; Adam Lundqvist, Aleksandar Radovanovic (Nicholas Lima, 61st), Leo Vaisanen; Ethan Finlay (Diego Fagundez, 90th), Daniel Pereira, Alexander Ring, Jhojan Valencia; Jon Gallagher, Emiliano Rigoni, Gyasi Zardes (Will Bruin, 83rd).
Seattle, Stefan Frei; Cody Baker (Nouhou Tolo, 84th), Yeimar Gomez Andrade, Jackson Ragen; Joao Paulo, Nicolas Lodeiro (Fredy Montero, 71st), Alex Roldan, Albert Rusnak (Josh Atencio, 71st); Heber, Jordan Morris, Dylan Teves (Leo Chu, 60th).

Sporting KC 1, Los Angeles FC 1

Late Wednesday

SPORTING KC	1	0	1
LOS ANGELES FC	1	0	1

First Half: 1, Los Angeles FC, Bouanga, 10 (Opoku), 13th minute; 2, Sporting KC, Russell, 2 (Walter), 20th.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Sporting KC, Kendall Mcintosh, John Pulskamp; Los Angeles FC, Eldin Jakupovic, Abraham Romero.
Yellow Cards: Sanchez, Los Angeles FC, 29th; Palacios, Los Angeles FC, 40th; Tillmann, Los Angeles FC, 70th; Salloi, Sporting KC, 90th+5. **A:** 22,222.
Sporting KC, Kendall Mcintosh; Andreu Fontas, Logan Ndenbe, Dany Rosero; Jake Davis (Graham Zusi, 61st), Nemanja Radoja, Erik Thommy (Gadi Kinda, 61st), Remi Walter; Alan Pulido (Stephen Afrifa, 90th+3), Johnny Russell (Marinos Tzionis, 83rd), Daniel Salloi.
Los Angeles FC, Eldin Jakupovic; Aaron Long (Ryan Hollingshead, 58th), Denil Maldonado, Diego Palacios, Sergi Palencia; Jose Cifuentes, Ilie Sanchez (Erik Duenas, 67th), Timothy Tillmann; Denis Bouanga (Nathan Ordaz, 77th), Kwadwo Opoku (Mateusz Bogusz, 67th), Carlos Vela (Stipe Biuk, 67th).

Timbers 0, Real Salt Lake 0

Late Wednesday

PORTLAND	0	0	0
REAL SALT LAKE	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Portland, Aljaz Ivacic, David Matthew Bingham; Real Salt Lake, Zac MacMath, Gavin Beavers.
Yellow Cards: Eneli, Real Salt Lake, 45th+1; Boli, Portland, 72nd.
Portland, Aljaz Ivacic; Claudio Bravo, Zac McGraw, Juan David Mosquera (Eric Miller, 90th+1), Dario Zuparic; Diego Chara, Yimmi Chara (Dairon Asprilla, 64th), Evander, Santiago Moreno (Marvin Loria, 73rd), Cristhian Paredes; Franck Boli (Nathan Uiliam Fogaca, 73rd).
Real Salt Lake, Zac MacMath; Andrew Brody, Justen Glad, Brayan Vera; Maikel Chang (Damir Kreilach, 86th), Bode Davis (Bryan Oviedo, 63rd), Emeka Eneli, Andres Gomez (Danny Musovski, 82nd), Braian Ojeda, Jefferson Savarino; Anderson Julio (Bertin Jacquesson, 63rd).

FC Dallas 2, Whitecaps 1

Late Wednesday

VANCOUVER	1	0	1
DALLAS	1	1	2

First Half: 1, Vancouver, Vite, 1, 23rd minute; 2, Dallas, Ferreira, 7 (Obrian), 37th.
Second Half: 3, Dallas, Ferreira, 8 (Ntsabeleng), 54th.
Goalies: Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka, Thomas Hasal; Dallas, Maarten Paes, James Maurer.
Yellow Cards: Laborda, Vancouver, 35th; Cerrillo, Dallas, 75th.
Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka; Javain Brown, Julian Gressel, Mathias Laborda, Ranko Veselinovic (Deiber Caicedo, 79th); Andres Cubas, Ryan Raposo (Luis Martins, 67th), Alessandro Schopf, Pedro Vite; Sergio Cordova (Simon Becher, 67th), Brian White.
Dallas, Maarten Paes; Marco Farfan, Jose Antonio Martinez, Nkosi Tafari; Edwin Cerrillo, Facundo Quignon, Ema Twumasi; Jesus Ferreira (Sam Junqua, 82nd), Tsiki Ntsabeleng (Sebastien Ibeagha, 70th), Jader Obrian, Alan Velasco (Bernard Kamungo, 67th).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	0	3	15	10	5
OL Reign	4	2	1	13	12	6
Gotham FC	4	2	1	13	7	6
Portland	3	1	3	12	18	10
San Diego	4	3	0	12	12	10
North Carolina	3	3	1	10	8	9
Houston	2	2	3	9	5	6
Angel City	2	3	2	8	11	13
Louisville	1	2	4	7	9	9
Orlando	2	4	1	7	5	11
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	9	14
Chicago	1	5	1	4	11	18

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 1, OL Reign 0
Orlando 0, at Gotham FC 0
San Diego 2, at Kansas City 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Orlando, 7
Angel City at North Carolina, 7
Louisville at Kansas City, 8
San Diego at Houston, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Portland, 5
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 6

English Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man City	35	27	4	4	92	31	85
Arsenal	36	25	6	5	83	42	81
Newcastle	36	19	12	5	67	32	69
Man United	35	20	6	9	51	41	66
Liverpool	36	19	8	9	70	42	65
Brighton	35	17	7	11	67	49	58
Tottenham	36	17	6	13	65	59	57
Aston Villa	36	17	6	13	48	44	57
Brentford	36	13	14	9	54	45	53
Fulham	36	15	6	15	52	49	51
Chelsea	35	11	10	14	36	41	43
Crystal Palace	36	11	10	15	37	46	43
Wolverhampton	36	11	7	18	30	52	40
Bournemouth	36	11	6	19	37	69	39
West Ham	36	10	7	19	38	52	37
Nottingham Forest	36	8	10	18	36	67	34
Everton	36	7	11	18	32	56	32
Leeds	36	7	10	19	46	71	31
Leicester	36	8	6	22	49	67	30
Southampton	36	6	6	24	31	66	24

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Leeds 2, Newcastle 2
Aston Villa 2, Tottenham 1
Chelsea 2, Nottingham Forest 2
Crystal Palace 2, Bournemouth 0
Man United 2, Wolverhampton 0
Fulham 2, Southampton 0
Leicester vs. Liverpool, ppd.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Brentford 2, West Ham 0
Man City 3, Everton 0
Brighton 3, Arsenal 0

MONDAY'S RESULT
Liverpool 3, Leicester 0

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Newcastle 4, Brighton 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Brentford, 7:30 a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Man United, 10 a.m.
Fulham vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.
Liverpool vs. Aston Villa, 10 a.m.
Newcastle vs. Leicester, 10 a.m. ppd
Wolverhampton vs. Everton, 10 a.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Arsenal, 12:30

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL
VIRGINIA
Hayfield 6, Edison 3
Lake Braddock 5, West Springfield 3
Woodbridge 7, Gar-Field 1
Meridian 11, William Monroe 8

PRIVATE
DCSAA semifinal: Jackson-Reed 7, Gonzaga 4
DCSAA semifinal: St. Albans 5, Sidwell Friends 2

SOFTBALL
VIRGINIA
Hayfield 6, Falls Church 2
Lake Braddock 15, Robinson 5
Meridian 5, William Monroe 4
Woodbridge 3, Colgan 1

PRIVATE
DCSAA semifinal: Maret 2, National Cathedral 1
DCSAA semifinal: St. John's 11, Georgetown Visitation 1
VISAA Division I semifinal: Potomac School 8, Trinity Episcopal 2
VISAA Divsion I semifinal: Bishop O'Connell 10, St. Catherine's 0

BOYS' LACROSSE
VIRGINIA
Class 4 Region B quarterfinal: Meridian 12, Culpeper County 2
Class 4 Region B quarterfinal: Fauquier 9, Brentsville District 4
Class 6 Region B quarterfinal: Battlefield 21, Woodbridge 0
Class 6 Region D quarterfinal: Langley 9, Oakton 5
Class 6 Region D quarterfinal: Madison 11, Herndon 3
Class 6 Region D quarterfinal: McLean 9, Westfield 6

PRIVATE
VISAA Division I semifinal: Episcopal 8, Christchurch 7
VISAA Division I semifinal: Paul VI 11, Blue Ridge 7

GIRLS' LACROSSE
VIRGINIA
Class 4 Region B quarterfinal: Brentsville District 14, Fauquier 4
Class 6 Region B quarterfinal: Battlefield 20, Woodbridge 0
Class 6 Region D quarterfinal: Centreville 10, Langley 6
Class 6 Region D quarterfinal: Madison 17, Washington-Liberty 7
Class 6 Region D quarterfinal: Yorktown 9, South Lakes 8

PRIVATE
DCSAA semifinal: Georgetown Visitation 14, National Cathedral 4
DCSAA semifinal: Maret 10, Sidwell Friends 6
VISAA Division I semifinal: Paul VI 13, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 4
VISAA Division I semifinal: St. Anne's-Belfield 13, Potomac School 7

BOYS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Alexandria City 3, South County 0
Forest Park 2, Colgan 1
Gar-Field 1, Woodbridge 0
Independence 2, Briar Woods 0
Riverside 6, Stone Bridge 1
Tuscarora 2, Loudoun Valley 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Broad Run 2, Loudoun County 1
Colgan 7, Woodbridge 0
Forest Park 5 Hylton 0
Lake Braddock 2, Fairfax 0
Lightridge 2, Dominion 1 (2OT)
Stone Bridge 1, Briar Woods 0
Tuscarora 8, Rock Ridge 0

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD
D.C.
DCIAA championship: McKinley Tech 185, Jackson-Reed 137, Banneker 119

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD
D.C.
DCIAA championship: Dunbar 202, Jackson-Reed 143, School Without Walls 112

GOLF
PRIVATE
DCSAA championship: St. Albans +21, Gonzaga +26, St. John's +34

BOYS' TENNIS
PRIVATE
DCSAA championship: St. Albans 46, Gonzaga 32

GIRLS' TENNIS
PRIVATE
DCSAA championship: Sidwell Friends 38, Maret 30, National Cathedral 30

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

ITALIAN OPEN
At Foro Italico; In Rome
Purse: $8,448,771
Surface: Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS
Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, 6-2, 6-2; Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), Greece, def. Borna Coric (15), Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — SEMIFINALS
Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff (1), United States, def. Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, and Desirae Krawczyk (3), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-8; Storm Hunter, Australia, and Elise Mertens (4), Belgium, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-4.

WTA

TROPHEE CLARINS
At Lagardere Paris Racing Club; In Paris
Purse: $115,000
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Caty McNally (6), United States, def. Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-1); Katie Volynets, United States, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich (1), Belarus, 6-3, 6-3; Nao Hibino, Japan, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 6-1, 6-4; Alize Cornet (7), France, def. Jang Su Jeong, South Korea, 6-1, 7-5.

DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Alycia Parks (1), United States, def. Sabrina Santamaria, United States, and Ulrikke Eikeri, Norway, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP RANKINGS
Through Tuesday.

SINGLES
1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 6775
2. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 6770
3. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 5330
4. Casper Ruud, Norway, 5165
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 5015
6. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 4190
7. Holger Rune, Denmark, 3865
8. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 3525
9. Taylor Fritz, USA, 3380
10. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 3235
11. Karen Khachanov, Russia, 3025
12. Frances Tiafoe, USA, 2755
13. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain, 2680
14. Rafael Nadal, Spain, 2535
15. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 2525
16. Borna Coric, Croatia, 2240
17. Tommy Paul, USA, 2170
18. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 1995
19. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy, 1960
20. Matteo Berrettini, Italy, 1832

WTA RANKINGS
Through Tuesday.

SINGLES
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 9625
2. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 7881
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 5300
4. Caroline Garcia, France, 5025
5. Coco Gauff, USA, 4345
6. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 4195
7. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 4116
8. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 3516
9. Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 3505
10. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic, 3162
11. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 2750
12. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia, 2660
13. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, 2616
14. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 2245
15. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, 2206
16. Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, 2172
17. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 2127
18. Martina Trevisan, Italy, 1878
19. Magda Linette, Poland, 1820
20. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 1795

GOLF

PGA Championship tee times

Tee times for Friday's second round of the PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club (All times ET)

7 a.m.: Gabe Reynolds, Sam Ryder, Brandon Wu
7:05: Matt Cahill, Cameron Davis, Taylor Montgomery
7:11.: Sadom Kaewkanjana, Ben Kern, Thorbjorn Olesen
7:16: Michael Block, Hayden Buckley, Taylor Pendrith
7:22: Webb Simpson, Danny Willett, Y.E. Yang
7:27: Alex Beach, Sihwan Kim, Brendon Todd
7:33: Harris English, Robert Macintyre, Sepp Straka
7:38: Rasmus Hojgaard, Patrick Reed, Nick Taylor
7:44: Pablo Larrazabal, Keith Mitchell, Thomas Pieters
7:49: Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Chez Reavie, John Somers
7:55: Brian Harman, Lucas Herbert, Callum Shinkwin
8: Tommy Fleetwood, Hideki Matsuyama, Cameron Young
8:06: Abraham Ancer, Sam Burns, Tom Kim
8:11: Tony Finau, Max Homa, Adam Scott
8:17: Sungjae Im, Chris Kirk, Seamus Power
8:22: Tyrrell Hatton, Dustin Johnson, Xander Schauffele
8:28: Stephan Jaeger, Si Woo Kim, Anirban Lahiri
8:33: Patrick Cantlay, Rickie Fowler, Phil Mickelson
8:39: Victor Perez, Jordan L. Smith, Aaron Wise
8:44.: Russell Henley, Mito Pereira, Alex Smalley
8:50: David Micheluzzi, Chris Sanger, J.J. Spaun
8:55: Talor Gooch, Adam Hadwin, Matt Kuchar
9:01: Thomas Detry, J.J. Killeen, Matt Wallace
9:06: Billy Horschel, Francesco Molinari, Justin Rose
9:12: Eric Cole, Nick Hardy, Greg Koch
9:17: Russell Grove, Patrick Rodgers, Ben Taylor
12:25 p.m.: Steven Alker, Shaun Micheel, Braden Shattuck
12:30: Kazuki Higa, Trey Mullinax, Josh Speight
12:36: Joel Dahmen, Chris French, Ben Griffin
12:41: Colin Inglis, Thriston Lawrence, Adam Schenk
12:47: Wyndham Clark, Nicolas Echavarria, Wyatt Worthington
12:52: Emiliano Grillo, Min Woo Lee, Andrew Putnam
12:58: Ryan Fox, Tom Hoge, Kyoung-Hoon Lee
1:03: Nicolai Hojgaard, Scott Stallings, Harold Varner III
1:09: Beau Hossler, Sam Stevens, Adam Svensson
1:14: Steve Holmes, Adrian Otaegui, Davis Riley
1:20: Zach Johnson, Kurt Kitayama, Sahith Theegala
1:25: Brooks Koepka, Scottie Scheffler, Gary Woodland
1:31: Corey Conners, Joaquin Niemann, Ockie Strydom
1:36: Rory McIlroy, Collin Morikawa, Justin Thomas
1:42: Padraig Harrington, Kevin Kisner, Jimmy Walker
1:47: Viktor Hovland, Shane Lowry, Jordan Spieth
1:53: Mackenzie Hughes, Alex Noren, J.T. Poston
1:58: Matt Fitzpatrick, Jon Rahm, Cameron Smith
2:04: Lee Hodges, David Lingmerth, Callum Tarren
2:09: Luke Donald, Adrian Meronk, Yannik Paul
2:15: Denny McCarthy, Taylor Moore, Brendan Steele
2:20: Maverick McNealy, Kenny Pigman, Davis Thompson
2:26: Adri Arnaus, Justin Suh, Jeremy Wells
2:31: Keegan Bradley, Jason Day, Bryson DeChambeau
2:37: Dean Burmester, Anthony Cordes, Mark Hubbard
2:42: Jesse Droemer, Rikuya Hoshino, Matthew NeSmith

World Golf Ranking

Through Monday.

1.	Jon Rahm	10.68
2.	Scottie Scheffler	10.14
3.	Rory McIlroy	8.27
4.	Patrick Cantlay	7.25
5.	Xander Schauffele	6.59
6.	Max Homa	5.70
7.	Matt Fitzpatrick	5.37
8.	Cameron Smith	5.20
9.	Will Zalatoris	5.08
10.	Jordan Spieth	4.85
11.	Viktor Hovland	4.80
12.	Tony Finau	4.78
13.	Justin Thomas	4.55
14.	Sam Burns	4.49
15.	Cameron Young	4.38
16.	Collin Morikawa	4.29
17.	Tyrrell Hatton	4.13
18.	Sungjae Im	3.97
19.	Tom Kim	3.46
20.	Jason Day	3.30
21.	Kurt Kitayama	3.15
22.	Keegan Bradley	3.03
23.	Tommy Fleetwood	3.03
24.	Hideki Matsuyama	2.96
25.	Sahith Theegala	2.93
26.	Shane Lowry	2.86

Dominion's goalie has 'no fear'

Whether minding the net or working for the student newspaper, Titans' Jones is ready to take risks

BY VARUN SHANKAR



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

Caelan Jones is set to break her own single-season Titans record by saving 65 percent of shots this year.

Almost nobody noticed Caelan Jones.

The Dominion goalie had crept to the side, abandoning her usual position in front of the net. She had a feeling where the ball was going and wanted to get there first. Jones eventually went behind the cage entirely, pouncing to intercept an opposing player's pass before it reached the intended target.

The risky play — which came during the Titans' 2022 Virginia Class 4 state championship victory over Western Albemarle — is emblematic of the senior goalkeeper's playing style.

"I like to take risks because I like to see the reward at the end of it," she said.

"I won't forget Caelan, that's for sure," said her coach, Diane Traynor. "She has brought some excitement to the goalie position that we never had before."

Jones and the Titans are set to continue their title defense after closing out a 14-0 regular season with a win over Park View on Tuesday. The goalie, who is looking for her third state title, views mistakes as growth opportunities in a mentality that frees her to take calculated chances in lacrosse and try new things in her prospective career as a journalist.

In just two seasons as a starter, Jones set a single-season program record by saving 58 percent of shots as a sophomore (at 65 percent, she is set to break that mark this year), earned first-team all-state and second-team All-Met honors and became the editor in chief of Dominion's school newspaper — the DHS Press.

"Sometimes I get really bored in a game, and instead of just having the offense go and pass around, waiting for them to make the action and just reacting," the Oregon signee said, "I choose to set the game, set the pace and make the play to stop them."

Her mother, Maggie McLoughlin, explained Jones's worldview succinctly: "She's got no fear."

Playing goalie requires fortitude because the position often leaves players physically bruised and battered.

"You're putting yourself in front of a ball that could be going so fast that if it hit another girl in the field, they could be concussed or could get seriously injured," Jones said, "and that's your every day."

McLoughlin initially hesitated at Jones playing goalie because of that physical toll. Jones was the first in the family to play lacrosse, and McLoughlin would hold her breath every time Jones fell backward after stopping a shot.

After one such occasion, when Jones was in elementary school, she looked up at her mom and waved to ease her concern.

Jones continued to mature at the position and quickly became one of the area's best prospects — playing well enough that she spent time with Dominion's winter indoor lacrosse team as an eighth grader.

Indoor "box" lacrosse doesn't have draws after each goal, creating a fast-paced game that puts a lot of stress on the goalie. Jones withstood the pressure, playing in contests that included many high school upperclassmen. She left games with welts across her arms and legs, but she impressed Traynor.

"She is really focused. She's aggressive, meaning she's not afraid to come out of the goal," the coach said. ". . . We were like, 'Wow, this is awesome.' "

Jones showed that same boldness when she took Dominion's newspaper class in her sophomore year during virtual schooling.

Her house is near Trump National Golf Course in Sterling, where the former president often went to play. Jones would hear protesters and counterprotesters demonstrating back and forth while she did homework or attended class.

When her teacher, Mitchell Schwartz, brought up going to the golf course and writing a story on the protests, one of the newest reporters took on her first assignment.

"That was a highly charged time, where she was wearing a mask," Schwartz said. ". . . And she was getting yelled at a bit from some of the pro-Trump side, and that's difficult as a person, let alone as somebody who's been saying, 'Hey while you're yelling at me, can I interview you?' "

Jones, who hadn't had much in-person social interaction in the previous few months, went with a fellow reporter to conduct interviews in the tense arena for her first article with the paper.

"Talking to these strangers that necessarily do or don't want to talk to me was definitely kind of scary," Jones said, "but it was like fun to do it while it lasted."

The moment was the first of many highlights for Jones at the school paper. She became one of its co-editors in chief as a junior and is now the sole editor.

She expanded her skill set to include multimedia reporting as well, never afraid to try something new.

"That's what sets her apart from a lot of student journalists is once they hit a wall, they just kind of throw their hands up," Schwartz said. ". . . She says, 'Okay, there's a wall here, I'll turn left or I'll turn right, and I'll try to find an opening somewhere else.' "

Jones wants to major in journalism while playing lacrosse at Oregon. But before that comes another run with a strong Titans squad trying to go on yet another deep postseason run — one in which Jones will continue playing fearlessly.

"When I trust myself and I know I can get it," she said, "I take the risk."

DCSAA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Zia brothers are final foes, then doubles partners

St. Albans's Cyrus wins over older Cameron; Sidwell girls prevail

BY AARON CREDEUR

As brothers Cameron and Cyrus Zia advanced through the bracket for the D.C. State Athletic Association tennis tournament, the prospect of a fraternal final went from distant possibility to looming reality by Thursday afternoon at Southeast Tennis and Learning Center.

The brothers from St. Albans made it through the semifinals, setting up the family showdown. There would be no leniency.

Cyrus, a Bulldogs sophomore, won a tense first set over his brother, a junior, and earned a key break in the second set to secure a 6-4, 6-3 win.

The only indication that they weren't strangers on the court was when a stray spectator broke the silence and cheered during the last game. Cyrus yelled, "I'm sorry" across the court, disappointed that such a distraction could have impacted his brother's final return to end the match on a sour note.

But with St. Albans (13-0) rolling to the team title, Cyrus and Cameron switched to the same side of the net for the doubles finals. They found success again, this time winning, 8-5, over Gonzaga's Jack Sherner and Brendan Henneberry to secure the team sweep with 46 points, followed by Gonzaga (12-5) in second with 32.

The girls' matches showcased a more diverse set of talent from different teams. While Sidwell Friends junior Clara Zou notched an early singles title against Maret's Margaux Molyneux, 6-0, 6-1, Zou and sophomore doubles partner Daria Ghassemi were upset by an aggressive National Cathedral duo of junior Hayley Shay and sophomore Merve Uyumazturk.

"The first couple of games were figuring things out, figuring the other players out, how they work together, how they play doubles, what their strategies are," Uyumazturk said. "It was one game that we broke one of their serves, and I think that's what made it click for me, and I was like: 'We can really do this. We can really win.' "

Shay and Uyumazturk's 8-6 win secured 30 points for their team, tying them for second place with Maret. But the Eagles' better finals performance broke that tie to win silver behind Sidwell's 38 points thanks to Zou's singles title and other early-round wins.

DCSAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Albans remains at forefront of sport in the city

BY EMMETT SIEGEL

The D.C. State Athletic Association has held a golf championship twice. Both times, St. Albans took home the hardware.

The Bulldogs secured their second consecutive DCSAA team crown Thursday by shooting a combined score of 21 over par at Langston Golf Course, beating second-place Gonzaga by five strokes and third-place St. John's by 13. Sophomore Henry Tracy led the Bulldogs with a 1-over 73, two shots better than senior teammate and 2022 individual champion Grant Lester, who finished in third place Thursday.

"We've been a struggling program for many years, but the last three years we've come a long way," said Bulldogs Coach Tom Carroll, last season's All-Met Coach of the Year. ". . . We play a lot of golf, we practice a lot, and it's starting to pay off for us, which is wonderful."

School Without Walls was the only public school among the eight that participated in the team competition. The Penguins finished sixth.

"I'm just happy that we're trying to grow golf in D.C. That's what's so great about this tournament because it should be something that all kids can take a part of," Carroll said.

St. Albans was not the only repeat champion Thursday. Victoria Matthews, a nationally ranked senior at National Cathedral School, shot an 85 to edge St. John's senior Katie Patterson (87) and secure the girls' individual title after winning the event last spring.

"It was definitely not my best round, but I was glad that I was able to kind of hold things together," Matthews said. "I was hitting it well off the tee. Everyone struggled with the putting today. It was kind of hard to get it done on the green, but I did the best I can."

After Matthews wrapped up her round, she shook hands with two of the three other golfers in her foursome. But for Patterson — a two-time reigning WCAC medalist, a Tulane commit and, most importantly, her fiercest competition — a hug was in order.

"Me and her have been friends for maybe like five, six years, just playing in the same events," Matthews said of Patterson. "It's really great to be able to play with her because we weren't in the same pairing last year. We definitely had a lot of fun, which is, you know, the most important thing."

Gonzaga's Carson Looney was the only player to finish under par, firing a 71 to win the boys' individual title.

"I was just really happy with the way I played. I was swinging pretty well — not my best — but I found the fairways and I found the greens," Looney said.

Gonzaga, this year's WCAC champion, also came in second place in Tuesday's Metro Championships at Worthington Manor in Urbana, finishing 14 strokes behind champion Georgetown Prep, which shot a combined 374. At that event, St. Albans finished third with a score of 402, and Paul VI came in fourth at 409.

WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

Tomorrow

MLB

3 p.m.	**Baltimore at Toronto** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
4 p.m.	**Detroit at Washington** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
4 p.m.	**Milwaukee at Tampa Bay** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
10 p.m.	**Boston at San Diego** » MLB Network

NBA PLAYOFFS

8:30 p.m.	**Western Conference finals, Game 3: Denver at Los Angeles Lakers** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

8 p.m.	**Eastern Conference finals, Game 2: Florida at Carolina** » TNT

WNBA

1 p.m.	**Atlanta at Dallas** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
3 p.m.	**Commissioners Cup: Las Vegas at Seattle** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

AUTO RACING

10:30 a.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Tyson 250, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
1:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Tyson 250** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
2:30 p.m.	**IndyCar: Indianapolis 500, qualifying** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
7 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: All-Star Open, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

10 a.m.	**PGA Championship, third round** » ESPN
1 p.m.	**PGA Championship, third round** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)

SOCCER

7:30 a.m.	**English Premier League: Brentford at Tottenham** » USA Network
8:45 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Laval at Bordeaux** » beIN Sports
10 a.m.	**English Premier League: Manchester United at AFC Bournemouth** » USA Network
11 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Montpellier at Nantes** » beIN Sports
12:30 p.m.	**English Premier League: Arsenal at Nottingham Forest** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
3 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Olympique Marseille at Lille** » beIN Sports
7 p.m.	**NWSL: Washington at Orlando** » NBC Sports Washington
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: LA Galaxy at D.C. United** » Apple TV Plus, WONK (104.7 FM)
9:30 p.m.	**MLS: Sporting K.C. at St. Louis City** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

7 a.m.	**ATP: Italian Open, semifinals** » Tennis Channel
1 p.m.	**WTA: Italian Open, final** » Tennis Channel

BOXING

8 p.m.	**Top Rank, prelims** » ESPN

USFL

12:30 p.m.	**Pittsburgh vs. Memphis** » USA Network
4 p.m.	**Birmingham vs. Michigan** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)

HOCKEY

5 a.m.	**Men's world championship, Group A: Denmark vs. United States** » NHL Network
9 a.m.	**Men's world championship, Group B: Switzerland vs. Canada** » NHL Network
1 p.m.	**Men's world championship, Group A: France vs. Sweden** » NHL Network

HORSE RACING

1 p.m.	**Preakness prep races** » CNBC
4:30 p.m.	**Preakness Stakes (post time, 7:01 p.m.)** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

RUGBY

Noon	**Major League Rugby: Dallas at Rugby ATL** » Fox Sports 1

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Noon	**Maryland at Penn State** » Big Ten Network
1 p.m.	**North Carolina at Clemson** » ACC Network
2 p.m.	**Tennessee at South Carolina** » SEC Network
3 p.m.	**Indiana at Michigan State** » Big Ten Network
9 p.m.	**Southern California at Arizona** » Pac-12 Network

NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Noon	**Quarterfinal: Georgetown at Virginia** » ESPNU
2:30 p.m.	**Quarterfinal: Michigan at Duke** » ESPNU

NCAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Times TBD	**Regionals** » TBD

COLLEGE TENNIS

5:30 p.m.	**NCAA championships** » Tennis Channel

Sunday

MLB

1:30 p.m.	**Detroit at Washington** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
1:30 p.m.	**Baltimore at Toronto** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
1:30 p.m.	**Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia** » MLB Network
4:30 p.m.	**Minnesota at Los Angeles Angels** » MLB Network (joined in progress)
7 p.m.	**Cleveland at New York Mets** » ESPN

NBA PLAYOFFS

8:30 p.m.	**Eastern Conference finals, Game 3: Boston at Miami** » TNT

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

3 p.m.	**Western Conference finals, Game 2: Dallas at Vegas** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

WNBA

1 p.m.	**Commissioners Cup: Washington at Connecticut** » NBC Sports Washington
4 p.m.	**Chicago at Phoenix** » ESPN

AUTO RACING

4 p.m.	**IndyCar: Indianapolis 500, qualifying** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
5 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: All-Star Open** » Fox Sports 1
8 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: All-Star Race** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

10 a.m.	**PGA Championship, final round** » ESPN
1 p.m.	**PGA Championship, final round** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)

SOCCER

7 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Rennes at Ajaccio** » beIN Sports
8:30 a.m.	**English Premier League: Leeds United at West Ham United** » USA Network
9 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Strasbourg at Troyes** » beIN Sports
11 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Lens at Lorient** » beIN Sports
11 a.m.	**English Premier League: Chelsea at Manchester City** » USA Network
Noon	**Italian Serie A: Inter Milan at Napoli** » CBS Sports Network
2:45 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Paris Saint-Germain at Auxerre** » beIN Sports
5 p.m.	**Under-20 Men's World Cup, Group D: Italy at Brazil** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**Canadian Premier League: Atletico Ottawa at Cavalry** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

6 a.m.	**ATP: Geneva Open, early rounds; Lyon Open, early rounds; WTA: Strasbourg International, early rounds; Morocco Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
10 a.m.	**ATP: Italian Open, final** » Tennis Channel

USFL

Noon	**New Orleans vs. Philadelphia** » Fox Sports 1
4 p.m.	**New Jersey vs. Houston** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)

HOCKEY

9 a.m.	**Men's world championship, Group A: Slovakia vs. Slovenia** » NHL Network
1 p.m.	**Men's world championship, Group A: France vs. United States** » NHL Network
8 p.m.	**Canadian Hockey League finals, Game 6: Seattle vs. Winnipeg** » NHL Network

TRACK AND FIELD

2 p.m.	**Bermuda Grand Prix** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Noon	**Quarterfinal: Army at Penn State** » ESPNU
2:30 p.m.	**Quarterfinal: Johns Hopkins at Notre Dame** » ESPNU

NCAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA ON PROPOSED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND FINANCING FOR ALEXANDRIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria (the "Authority"), whose mailing address is c/o The Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc., 601 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, will hold a public hearing on the request of Alexandria Housing Development Corporation, a Virginia corporation (the "Applicant"), an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), whose address is 1201 E. Abingdon Drive, Suite 210, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. The Applicant has requested the Authority to modify its Capital Appreciation Revenue Bonds (Avana Alexandria Project), Series 2020, which were originally issued on July 17, 2020 to assist the Applicant in financing and/or refinancing a portion of the costs incurred in connection with: (i) the acquisition and rehabilitation of a multifamily residential rental housing facility consisting of one 16-story building comprising approximately 328,604 rentable square feet containing approximately 326 units, currently known as Parkstone Alexandria and located at 3001 Park Center Drive in the City of Alexandria, Virginia (the "Facility"), all owned and operated by the Applicant or AHDC PC Dr, LLC or another party related to the Applicant; and (ii) certain other expenditures associated with the foregoing such as original issue discount, costs of issuance, capitalized interest, credit enhancement costs, liquidity costs, working capital and debt service reserves. The requested modifications will result in the issuance of capital appreciation revenue bonds in an initial aggregate principal amount not to exceed $20,000,000.

The modification and issuance of revenue bonds as requested by the Applicant will not constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City or the Authority and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof, including the City and the Authority, will be pledged to the payment of such revenue bonds.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 8:30 a.m. on June 2, 2023, before the Authority, in the offices of The Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc., at 601 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Any person interested in the issuance of the revenue bonds, the proposed financing or the location or nature of the Facility may appear at the hearing and present his or her views. This notice is published and the public hearing is being held by or on behalf of the Authority as issuer of the revenue bonds, as required by Section 147(f) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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815 Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given that the following named company, Amerisave Mortgage Corporation, at the address listed herewith; 3525 Piedmont Rd NE, 8 Piedmont Center, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30305; has made application to engage in the business of loaning money for the license year ending December 31, 2023 as provided by the Act of Congress, approved February 14, 1913. Anyone desiring to protest against the issuance of this license should do so in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, 1050 First Street, NE, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20002, in the manner prescribed by said Act: See DC Code Title 26, Chapter 9 and 16 DCMR 2.

820 Official Notices

ABC LICENSE: Affinity, LLC trading as Rusty Taco 1 Saarinen Cir Sterling (Loudoun County) VA 20166-0000. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant at Port of Entry license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Dinesh Toteja, Vice-President Date notice posted at establishment: May 10, 2023 **NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.**

Kahak Inc DBA Kahak Health Care Services. is applying for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Health Agency (HHA). A Letter of Intent will be filed with the District of Columbia State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). The facility will be located at 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Suite M-1 SE Washington, DC 20020, in Ward 8. If you would like more information, please contact the DC SHPDA at 202-442-5875.

825 Bids & Proposals

KIPP DC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Operations Support Services
KIPP DC is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for Operations Support Services. The RFP can be found on KIPP DC's website at www.kippdc.org/procurement. Proposals should be uploaded to the website no later than 5:00 PM EST on June 2, 2023. Questions can be addressed to saumil.shah@kippdc.org.
Security Equipment, Tools, and Technology
KIPP DC is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for Security Equipment, Tools, and Technology. The RFP can be found on KIPP DC's website at www.kippdc.org/procurement. Proposals should be uploaded to the website no later than 5:00 PM ET on May 31, 2023. Questions can be addressed to kevin.mehm@kippdc.org.

Learn D.C is requesting a FSMC meal bids for the National School Lunch Program. Please contact Melanie Romano at melanie@sfwgroup.org for a copy of the RFP. Proposals are due Proposals Due: June 13th 12:00pm, ET to: Shacora Simmons 100 Duncan Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20032
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830 Special Notices

One Medical Group, P.C.
Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Care

Under District of Columbia law, One Medical Group, D.C. is obligated to provide uncompensated care to eligible patients. One Medical has satisfied all outstanding uncompensated care obligations from previous reporting periods. In fiscal year 2023 One Medical will provide services at no or a reduced charge to eligible patients who request such services who are unable to pay full fees.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Thrive Heath Care Services is applying for a Certificate of Need a home health agency. A Letter of Intent will be file with the District of Columbia State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) The agency will be located in Ward 3. For additional information contact the SHPDA at 202-442-5875.

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
Kyle Blackstone
Kathleen Young
1099 Winterson Road,
Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Afifa Alia Achsien
11710 Old Georgetown Road, Unit 1313E Rockville, Md 20852
Defendant

Case No. C-15-CV-22-4300

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **5 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **5 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **5 day of June, 2023**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$349,000.00**. The property sold herein is known as **11710 Old Georgetown Road, Unit 1313E Rockville, Md 20852**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

May 12, 19, 26, 2023 12422122

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814

Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Alba Lucy Harris aka Alba Matias
Vito Harris
9703 Cleary Lane
Bowie, MD 20721

Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000738

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **8** day of **May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **9703 Cleary Lane, Bowie, MD 20721**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **8 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **8 day of June, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$339,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

May 12, 19, 26, 2023 12422177

825 Bids & Proposals

THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(2) Brand New (15) Passenger Van

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The deadline for submitting bids is June 7th, 2023 at 12:00pm

All bids not addressing all areas as outlined in the RFP will not be considered.

840 Trustees Sale - DC

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UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 201 CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES 300 50th Street SE, Washington DC 20019. Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 and Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141189, respectively, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, notice filed April 14, 2023 and at the request of the Attorney for the Unit Owners' Association, we shall sell at public auction on, **May 25, 2023, 1:04 p.m.** within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, STE 100 WASHINGTON DC 20016, the following described premises situate in the District of Columbia and designated as and being lot 2005 in square 5323, more particularly described as 300 50th Street, SE in the WOODSON HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM (hereafter "Condominium") which was constituted and established under the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976 according to the Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 200714189, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Condominium.

TOGETHER WITH all the appurtenances incident to said Unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended, and By-laws relating thereto, as amended.

The Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the Common Elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Declaration of the Condominium.

TERMS OF SALE: Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month super-priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other particulars, if any, may be announced at time of sale.

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Yaida O. Ford, Attorney for Owner's Association

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

TYRONE BENNETT
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C-16-CV-22-001213

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **2 day of May, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto and Wayne Anthony Holman, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **7207 Colmar Manor Way, Brandywine, MD 20613,** and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **2 day of June 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington, DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **2 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the amount of the sale to be **$497,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk of the Circuit Court For
County of Prince George's

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,

Plaintiff,

v.

YULANDA REYNOLDS, et al

Defendants.

Case No.C-16-CV-22-000694

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **2 day of May, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **7103 MASON ST DISTRICT HTS, MD 20747,** reported by Jennifer Deardorff, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **2 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **2 day of June, 2023**

The report states the amount of sale to be **$236,000.00.**

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SALE OF THE PROPERTY EXECUTED AND LEVIED UPON BY virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, issued pursuant to a judgment against Kellee Baker and Kofi Graham entered on January 23, 2017, and directed to sell by public auction, to the highest bidder for CASH, in front of the United States Marshal Service, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001 all right, title, claim interest and estate at law and in equity of Case No. 2014 CA 004364-B, in and to the following described real estate, in the District of Columbia to wit: Square numbered 3100, Lot numbered 0018, among the records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia, known as 29 Florida Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001 on

June 15, 2023 at 11:00 am

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: The property is in the Bloomingdale neighborhood. The lot size is approx. 1,336 sq. ft. or 0.03 acre. It is improved by a 2-story 2-unit building believed to contain a unit in the basement level and another unit on the upper two levels. The public records indicate an above grade building area of approx. 1,584 sq. ft. and lower-level area of approx. 792 sq. ft.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check or in such other form as the United States Marshal (US Marshal) may determine, at his or her sole discretion, for $35,000.00 will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 1 business day after the sale, and delivered to the office of the U.S. Marshal in the same form as the initial deposit except that Judgment Lienor or its assignee or its designee, if submitting the highest bid, shall be excused from payment and have its judgment credited against the bid. The balance shall be paid in cashier's or certified check. Settlement will be the latter of 10 days after ratification (if subject to ratification) or 30 days from the date of sale, time being of the essence. All checks must be payable to the U.S. Marshal's Service . The sale shall be for the highest cash offer, but the U.S. Marshal's Service may reject all offers if they are unconscionably low and offer the property for sale at a later time. The sale may be subject to the final ratification by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Purchaser is to pay all settlement fees, transfer taxes (grantor/grantee taxes), and closing costs. The Purchaser will pay interest on the unpaid portion of the purchase price from date of sale to date of settlement at the rate of 6% per annum. Property is sold subject to all existing mortgages and liens of record. All outstanding taxes, water and other municipal charges and liens owed against the Property shall be the responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid by the purchaser at settlement. In the event of default by the purchaser, including failure to timely remit the balances due, and at the risk and expense of said purchaser, the U.S. Marshal may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the property. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales and any deficiency in the sale price realized in the subsequent sale of the property. The forfeited deposit, less expense, shall be credited towards the judgment.

The Judgment Debtor's interest in the Property is sold subject to all encumbrances, agreements, covenants, defects of title, lack of legal or equitable interest, reservations of title, all back taxes, costs of conveyance, and outstanding liens or encumbrances senior in right to that of Judgment Lienor. The Judgment Debtor's interest in the property will be sold in its "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" condition. The U.S. Marshal makes no representations, warranties, either expressed or implied, with respect to the nature and extent of the Judgment Debtor's interest in the property, the condition of the Property, any improvements, or as to the suitability of the Property for any particular purpose.

Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The Purchaser waives and releases the selling parties, the Auctioneer, and their respective agents, successors and assigns from any and all claims the Purchaser and/or its successors and assigns may now have, or have in the future, relating to the condition of the property, including but not limited to the environmental condition thereof. Actual possession does not necessarily pass to the Purchaser after delivery of the deed to the purchaser by the U.S. Marshal; further legal action may be necessary to obtain possession.

The United States Marshal or His or Her representative

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Michelle A. Schwartz
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-22-001239

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Friday, May 12, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage, Substitute Trustees**
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **4331 CORTEZ ROAD, BROOKLYN, MD 21225** to be **$139,080.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Estate of Lynne LaMarche Gardner, et al.
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-001768

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Friday, April 28, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Mark D. Meyer, Substitute Trustee**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **29th day of May 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **29th day of May 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **579 WEST DRIVE, SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146** to be **$388,000.00**.

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UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION SALE OF VALUABLE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 302 CONTAINED WITHIN PREMISES 5000 Call Place SE, Washington DC 20019. Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 and Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141189, respectively, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, notice filed April 14, 2023, and at the request of the Attorney for the Unit Owners' Association, we shall sell at public auction on **May 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, STE 100 WASHINGTON DC 20016, the following described premises situate in the District of Columbia and designated as and being lot 2026 in square 5323, more particularly described as 5000 Call Place SE, Unit 302 in the WOODSON HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM (hereafter "Condominium") which was constituted and established under the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976 according to the Declaration, recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007141188, amended and recorded August 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009092477, and further amended and recorded January 4, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012001136, and Bylaws recorded November 7, 2007 as Instrument No. 200714189, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Condominium.

TOGETHER WITH all the appurtenances incident to said Unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium, as amended, and By-laws relating thereto, as amended.

The Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the Common Elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Declaration of the Condominium.

TERMS OF SALE:

Sold subject to real estate taxes, and subject to other superior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. The Association is foreclosing on both its six-month super-priority lien and the balance of the Association's statutory lien against the Property. Other particulars, if any, may be announced at time of sale.

A deposit of $10,000.00 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash, certified check, or in such other form as the attorney for the Unit Owners Association in its sole discretion requires. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. All adjustments made as of date of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and resold at the discretion of the owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13, amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and therefore, must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed, for any reason whatsoever, purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit.

Yaida O. Ford, Attorney for Owner's Association

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May 15, 19, 24, 2023 12421906

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
4890 SUGAR MAPLE LN, DUMFRIES, VA 22025

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $289,665.00, with an annual interest rate of 2.625000% dated April 30, 2021, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 202105060054814, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on July 25, 2023 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit:

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Tax Map No. 077797

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: **ALL CASH**. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: VA. Reference Number 23-293622.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

May 19, 2023
June 20, 27, 2023 12423310

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884 City of Charlottesville

TRUSTEE SALE
2555 Woodland Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903
City of Charlottesville

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $104,000.00, dated March 30, 2017 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **City of Charlottesville**, Virginia, in Document No. 2017-00001184, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court, 315 East High Street, Charlottesville, on **June 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block A, Oaklawns, with any improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. **(83910)**
448 Viking Drive Suite 350
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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May 12, 19, 2023 12422111

840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Russell S. Drazin, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

3305 E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0808 in Square 5452

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated October 22, 2021 and recorded on October 22, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021140660 from GN Investment Properties, LLC, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated October 22, 2021 in the principal amount of $344,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion) on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 3305 E Street, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0808 in Square 5452), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any.

Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
Of Valuable Real Estate located in the District of Columbia
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FILE No. 139157.00002

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust duly recorded in the land records of the **District of Columbia** on December 17, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021164061 (the "Deed of Trust") and in accordance with the Notice of Foreclosure dated and recorded April 21, 2023, Public law 90-566, and at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustee having been substituted for the trustee(s) named in said Deed of Trust, will sell, at public auction, at the office of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, **(Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015)**, on **May 25, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.** some or all of the property described in said Deed of Trust, including certain land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia, and being now known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lot 0842, Square 0513, and more particularly described as follows:

Part of original lot 16 in Square 513 as per plat recorded in Liber 71 at folio 138 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia and being described as follows: Beginning for the same on the line of 5th Street, West at a point distant 15 feet 3 inches North of the Southwest corner of said Lot; thence North on said Street 16 feet; thence East 80 feet; thence South 6 feet; thence West 80 feet to the place of beginning.

Said property being now known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 842 in Square 513 (the "Property").

Terms of Sale

The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition and the purchaser shall assume the risk of loss or damage to the property after the time of the foreclosure sale. Neither the Trustee, the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the auctioneer, nor any of their respective agents, successors or assigns (collectively, the "Selling Parties") make any representation or warranties, express or implied, with respect to the Property, or any tenancies or parties in possession, including without limitation, the description, use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, marketability, or insurability (hazard or title), subdivision, zoning, environmental condition, compliance with building codes or other laws (such as Americans with Disabilities Act), ordinances or regulations, fitness for a particular purpose, or merchantability of all or any part of the Property. The purchaser waives and releases the Selling Parties from any and all claims the purchaser or the purchaser's successors or assigns may have now or may have in the future relating to the sale or the condition of the Property. The Property will be sold subject to rights of parties in possession, any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, other encumbrances, statutes, if any, affecting the Property, whether or not of record and all statutes, ordinances or court rules, including any lien for unpaid condominium assessments pursuant to D.C. Code § 42-1903.13, if applicable, to the extent such things have priority over the Deed of Trust and to the extent such things survive the foreclosure sale. The Property is also sold subject to a post-sale audit of the status of the loan. All interested bidders are specifically encouraged to review all federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, and court rules concerning the Property and to contact the appropriate governmental authorities prior to the sale date regarding the Property, including without limitation, encumbrances, liens, violations, permitted uses and the requirements, if any, for registration, obtaining possession, cure of violations, construction, completion, or development. The Trustee will not deliver possession to the purchaser, who shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the property.

A deposit of $70,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in the form of a certified check, or in such other form as the Trustee may determine, in his sole discretion. Whenever the purchaser is also the party secured by the said Deed of Trust, payment of the required deposit and purchase price is made by crediting the amount thereof to the indebtedness. The balance in cash or immediately available funds, with interest at seven and ninety-nine hundredths per centum (7.99%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement or the balance of the purchase price is received by the Trustee, whichever is later, shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The party secured by the Deed of Trust shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.

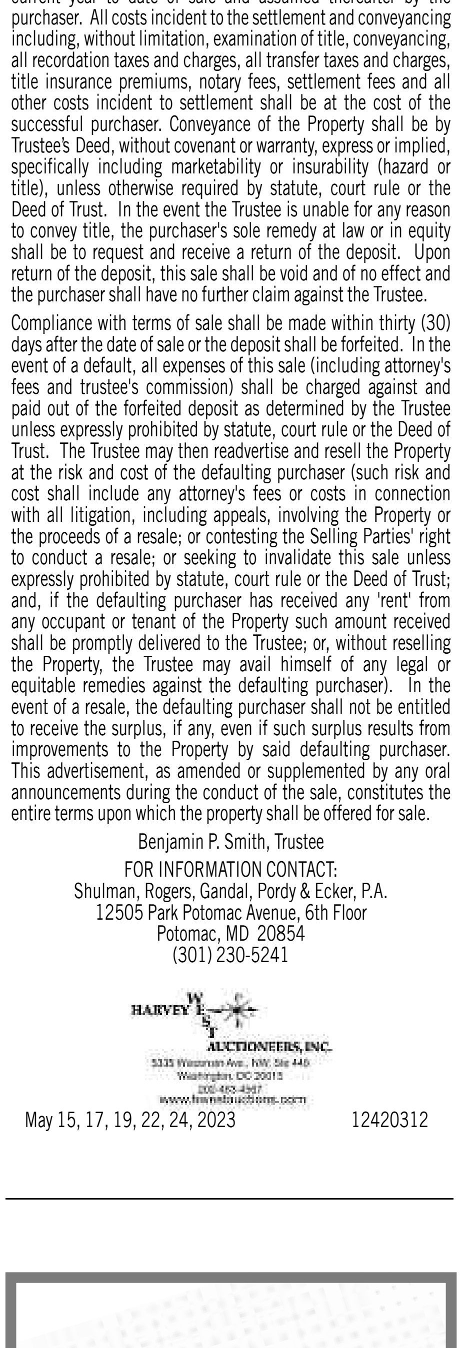
Real property taxes, water charges, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. Conveyance of the Property shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, specifically including marketability or insurability (hazard or title), unless otherwise required by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. In the event the Trustee is unable for any reason to convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be to request and receive a return of the deposit. Upon return of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustee.

Compliance with terms of sale shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of sale or the deposit shall be forfeited. In the event of a default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and trustee's commission) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit as determined by the Trustee unless expressly prohibited by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust. The Trustee may then readvertise and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser (such risk and cost shall include any attorney's fees or costs in connection with all litigation, including appeals, involving the Property or the proceeds of a resale; or contesting the Selling Parties' right to conduct a resale; or seeking to invalidate this sale unless expressly prohibited by statute, court rule or the Deed of Trust; and, if the defaulting purchaser has received any 'rent' from any occupant or tenant of the Property such amount received shall be promptly delivered to the Trustee; or, without reselling the Property, the Trustee may avail himself of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser). In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser. This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the conduct of the sale, constitutes the entire terms upon which the property shall be offered for sale.

Benjamin P. Smith, Trustee
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
1811 Kendall Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 Lot 0827 in Square 4047

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated August 29, 2019 and recorded on September 5, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019095135 from UP AND UP RE LLC, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I, LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated August 29, 2019 in the principal amount of $596,800.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, (Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion) on

MAY 23, 2023 AT 2:10 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1811 Kendall Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 0827 in Square 4047), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $60,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
5500 FRIENDSHIP BOULEVARD APT 2020N CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 23, 2014, and recorded in Liber 48283, folio 025, of the land records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $367,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

07-02194906

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $9,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 2.38% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-028575)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Bryson Stephen,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
9827 Docena Dr Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JERALDINE A. BENITEZ CRUZ AND NICOLAS N. CRUZ AREVALO, dated May 11, 2018 and recorded in Liber 56297, folio 327 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY,** MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000289; Tax ID No.09-02004910) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-010964)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
6720 Fairfax Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY LOU DELL, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded in Liber 31126, folio 728 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY,** MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000112; Tax ID No.07-0046903) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-009217)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
7503 Brenish Dr Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from CRISTINA SANTANA AND FERMIN GUEVAVA, dated August 3, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33026, folio 450 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-22-004770; Tax ID No.01-02563110) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-000931)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
5617 Mansfield Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MORTGAGE TWO CORPORATION, Trustee(s), dated September 19, 1999, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 13360 , folio 466, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 22, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR (34), BLOCK LETTERED "P", SECTION 6, WESTCHESTER ESTATES. BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 10/21/77 AND RECORDED 10/24/77, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN DEED VOLUME 4838 AND PAGE 331

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $9,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 9.997% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (19-13315)

Thomas W. Hodge, Brennan Ferguson,
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
11905 GALAXY LANE Bowie, MD 20715

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 28, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 26544 at Page 199 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 14-1708270

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $33,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 3% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

GREGORY THORNE, ADRIAN JACOBS,
BRIAN CAMPBELL, CHRISTINE COTTON,
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
13014 WOODMORE NORTH BOULEVARD Bowie, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 20, 2019 and recorded in Deed Book 42336 at Page 90, RE-RECORDED JULY 6, 2021 IN LIBER 45795, FOLIO 513 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 07-3744778

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $60,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 9% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

GREGORY THORNE, ADRIAN JACOBS,
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

1700 Crimson Place, Bowie, MD 20721

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1700 Crimson Place, Bowie, MD 20721. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 25, 2020, and recorded in Liber 44276 at Page 108 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $345,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-3053402

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-292040.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

1838 Longford Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1838 Longford Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20782. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 19, 2009, and recorded in Liber 30920 at Page 399 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $375,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 17-1838721

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-291438.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

5707 Davey Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 5707 Davey Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated December 8, 2008, and recorded in Liber 30225 at Page 516 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $209,745.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **May 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 18-2075984

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

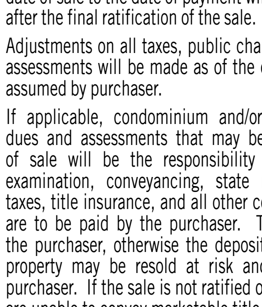
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If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-292423.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**400 FERRY POINT RD.
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 15, 1991, recorded in Liber 5459, Folio 330 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $870,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 31, 2023 AT 9:29 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, believed to be waterfront, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $11,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 324953-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**3666 SWEETBUSH TRAIL
LAUREL, MD 20724**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2016, recorded in Liber 29898, Folio 401 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $437,106.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

MAY 31, 2023 AT 9:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #04-270-90241181.

This property is subject to an annual deferred water and sewer charge payable in the month of January in each and every year in the amount of $720.00 for a period of thirty-three (33) years as set forth in Deed recorded 08/08/2016 in Book 29898 Page 395.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. DF

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $42,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 349955-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**3327 VALLEY LEE SOUTH
LAUREL, MD 20724**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Florence Undine Litchfield, dated August 16, 2001 and recorded in Liber 10682, Folio 794 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $92,682.18, and an original interest rate of 10.500%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

May 31, 2023 AT 9:39 AM

ALL THAT LEASEHOLD LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property is subject to an annual ground rent of $120.00 each and every year.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $7,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458947)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

8192 Mountain Estate Ct, Pasadena, MD 21122

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 8192 Mountain Estate Ct, Pasadena, MD 21122. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 24, 2012, and recorded in Liber 24973 at Page 253 among the land records of the **County of Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of $123,566.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on May 30, 2023 at 4:00 PM, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 03-041-90044364

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-289929.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE UNIMPROVED LOTS

**LOTS 657, 658, 659, 660, 661 & 662 KEY AVENUE
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust executed by Jarryn Avery, and dated April 7, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, at Liber 16236, page 0186 (the "Deed of Trust"), the holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust (the "Noteholder") having subsequently appointed Hunter C. Piel and Scott B. Wheat (the "Substitute Trustees") as Substitute Trustees by instrument duly executed, acknowledged and recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland for the purposes therein contained, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust and at the request of the party secured thereby, the Substitute Trustees will offer for sale to the highest qualified bidder at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, on:

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023
at 9:47 a.m.**

ALL OF THAT real property being situate in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, (the "Property"), in fee simple, being more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and generally known as Lots 657, 658, 659, 660, 661 & 662 Key Avenue, Brooklyn, Maryland 21225.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000.00), payable in cash or certified check, will be required of the purchaser(s) at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within three (3) business days after the sale and delivered to the office of the Substitute Trustees in the same form as the initial deposit payable by certified check or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees, in their sole and absolute discretion. The balance of the purchase price shall be due in cash or by certified check with interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase price at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of sale to and including the date of settlement. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to extend the time for settlement for any reason.

All senior liens, real estate taxes, recordation taxes, assessments, ground rents, water charges and municipal charges owed against the Property, which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale, shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser(s) and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement. In the event taxes or other municipal charges owing on or with respect to the Property have been prepaid they shall be adjusted at settlement between the Substitute Trustees and the purchaser(s) to the date of the foreclosure sale.

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the nature, condition or description of the Property or the improvement thereon. The Property will also be sold subject to: (a) all existing housing, building and zoning code violations: (b) all critical area and wetland violations; (c) all environmental problems, conditions and violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property; and (d) all matters and restrictions of record affecting the Property. The purchaser(s) at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the above-referenced Property immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser(s)' responsibility to obtain possession of the Property following ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The Property will be sold subject to the following that are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale: all easements, conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, ground rents, ground leases, such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose, and agreements of record.

The purchaser(s) shall pay all state and local transfer taxes, recordation taxes and fees, title examination costs, attorneys' fees, conveyance fees and all other incidental settlement costs. The purchaser(s) shall settle and comply with the sale terms within twenty (20) days following the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, unless said period is extended by the Substitute Trustees in Substitute Trustees' sole and absolute discretion. Time is of the essence.

In the event the purchaser(s) fails to go to settlement as required, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available, the Substitute Trustees may, without further order of the court, declare the aforementioned deposit forfeited and resell the Property at the purchaser's sole risk and expense. In such event, the defaulting purchaser(s) shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, reasonable attorneys' fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms of sale and the conduct of the sale shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser(s)' sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser(s), the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser(s) shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Noteholder and the Substitute Trustees do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Hunter C. Piel,
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

8106 Hogneck Road, Pasadena, MD 21122

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 8106 Hogneck Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 21, 2007, and recorded in Liber 18937 at Page 528 among the land records of the **County of Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of $227,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **May 30, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 03-000-90011127

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 18-272003.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Known as

205 AND 206 ALLENSWAY DRIVE, EDGEWATER, MARYLAND 21037

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Allen Barkdoll and Penny Barkdoll (a/k/a Penny Luzi Barkdoll) to Mary Jo Pundt and Anthony R. Cole, Trustees, dated June 18, 1997, recorded in Book 7952 at Page 219 among the Land Records for **Anne Arundel County**, Maryland, as modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 19, 2003, the undersigned substituted trustees (by virtue of Deed of Appointment between United Bank, as successor in interest to Westview Federal Savings and Loan Association (the "Beneficiary") and said trustees recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County) will, on

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 at 10:30 O'Clock, A.M.

offer for sale at public auction at the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, located at 7 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, a portion of the property and improvements thereon conveyed by said deed of trust, described as 205 Allensway Drive, Edgewater, Maryland 21037, Tax Identification No. 01-000-90003853, known and designated as Lot 3 on a Plat entitled "Minor Subdivision, Barkdoll Property," which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Plat Book 155, folio 34 ("Lot 3"), and 206 Allensway Drive, Edgewater, Maryland 21037, Tax Identification No. 01-000-90082867, known and designated as Lot 2 on a Plat entitled "Minor Subdivision, Barkdoll Property," which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Plat Book 155, folio 34 ("Lot 2"), (collectively, the "Property") and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

MANNER OF SALE: Lot 2, together with any and all improvements thereon and Lot 3, together with any and all improvements thereon shall be offered for sale both individually and then collectively. The successful bid(s) will be determined by the Substituted Trustees, in their sole judgment and discretion, only after all individual and collective offerings are completed.

TERMS OF SALE: Lot 3 is improved by a dwelling house. Lot 2 is unimproved land consisting of 18,295 square feet, more or less. The Property will be offered for sale, subject to matters known and unknown, in an "AS IS, WHERE IS" condition with no warranty of any kind and will be sold and conveyed by the Substitute Trustees subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, covenants, conditions, easements, restrictions, and statutory liens, if any, having priority over the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the Property. The risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale. Obtaining possession of the Property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder. A deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00), in the form of certified check or cashier's check, (the "Deposit") will be required at the time of sale. The Beneficiary is not required to make a Deposit. The balance of the purchase price for the Property, together with interest at 10.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be paid in cash within fifteen (15) days after final ratification of the sale of the Property by the Circuit Court, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE WITH REGARD TO ALL OF PURCHASER'S OBLIGATIONS. Taxes, water, sewer, ground rent, condominium fees, and/or homeowners association dues, if applicable, will be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges will be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All costs of conveyance, including transfer taxes and recordation taxes will be paid by the purchaser. If any successful bidder fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Substitute Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by, and other amounts due under, the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. Forfeiture of the Deposit shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the Property is resold after any such default, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the failing bidder, and the failing bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the resale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event the Substitute Trustees do not execute a deed of conveyance or other necessary settlement documents, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be the refund of the Deposit. In the event the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title or in the event the borrower entered into a repayment plan, reinstated or paid the loan off prior to the sale, or if for any other reason, the undersigned did not have the right to sell, the sale is null and void and the purchaser is not entitled to any legal or equitable remedy other than return of the Deposit without interest and any and all other claims of the purchaser are hereby released. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right (i) to waive or modify the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve the creditworthiness of any bidder or final purchaser; (iii) to withdraw all or part of the Property from sale at any time prior to the termination of bidding; (iv) to keep the bidding open for any length of time; (v) to reject any or all bids; and (vi) to postpone the sale, all as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their discretion. Additional terms and conditions to be announced at the time of sale. All inquiries regarding the sale should be directed to Stephen B. Jackson, Substituted Trustee.

STEPHEN B. JACKSON and STEVEN P. HENNE
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**1940 ADELINA RD.
A/R/T/A 1940 OLD ADELINA RD.
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 12, 2009, recorded in Liber 3344, Folio 330 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $180,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

MAY 31, 2023 AT 4:13 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $14,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357480-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

1616 Beech Rd, Saint Leonard, MD 20685

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1616 Beech Rd, Saint Leonard, MD 20685. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 14, 2006, and recorded in Liber 2723 at Page 464 among the land records of the **County of Calvert**, in the original principal amount of $208,250.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CALVERT, at 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland, on **May 30, 2023 at 9:30 AM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-043943

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-290364.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

300 MASON ROAD
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Philip Gross, Evelyn Virginia Gross and Evelyn Valerie Plater, dated July 23, 2009 and recorded in Liber 3373, Folio 0112 among the Land Records of **Calvert County**, Maryland modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on November 24, 2014, in the Land Records of Calvert County at Liber No. 4473, Folio 0481, with an original principal balance of $362,123.00, and an original interest rate of 4.625%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678, on

June 6, 2023 AT 3:05 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $25,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458734)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

21085 Mossy Glen Terrace
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In execution of certain liens for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of memoranda of liens among the Land Records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Loudoun** ("Land Records") on (i) April 15, 2020 as Instrument Number 20200415-0026245; (ii) April 7, 2021 as Instrument Number 20210407-0040962 and (iii) April 22, 2022 as Instrument Number 20220422-0024180 ("Liens"), Ashburn Village Community Association, Inc. ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **June 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**, at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20178, the real property and improvements with the street address of 21085 Mossy Glen Terrace, Ashburn, Virginia 20147 ("Property") and briefly described as:

Lot 20, Section 54, ASHBURN VILLAGE, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1358 at Page 729, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty, as to any respect, restriction, covenant, or condition of the Property and subject to any liens, violations, and or all other matters taking priority over the Association's Lien(s), including, but not limited to, any deeds of trusts. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the Association's Declaration, and Bylaws and any other governing instrument, and any amendments thereto.

A nonrefundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required to be paid by the successful bidder in cash, certified funds or by cashier's check. Settlement within 30 days of sale. Additional terms to be announced at sale. If Trustee is unable for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive shall be the return of its deposit, without interest. Trustee reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time as determined by Trustee. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Direct any inquiries to counsel for the Association, Kristen L. Buck, Rees Broome, PC, 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 790-1911.

PKLG, LLC, Trustee, 8000 Westpark Drive, Suite 600, Tysons, Virginia 22102, 703-506-9440 x229 (Telephone), 703-506-0929 (Facsimile), trustee@pklgllc.com.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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WALDORF, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2020, recorded in Liber 11383, Folio 388 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $354,900.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

MAY 31, 2023 AT 1:27 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $34,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359929-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

6650 CHICAMUXEN ROAD
Indian Head, MD 20640

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 16, 2008 and recorded in Deed Book 6719 at Page 389 among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the CHARLES COUNTY, 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646, on

MAY 30, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 03-017478

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $37,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 8% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

Diana Theologou, Gregory Thorne,
Adrian Jacobs, Brian Campbell,
Christine Cotton, Substitute Trustees

File No.: 22-002200-01

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

15400 HOMELAND DR.
HUGHESVILLE, MD 20637

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 24, 2013, recorded in Liber 8398, Folio 458 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $348,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

MAY 31, 2023 AT 1:29 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 352803-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

6525 TIP HILL DR.
LA PLATA, MD 20646

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 15, 2019, recorded in Liber 10576, Folio 136 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $251,264.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

MAY 31, 2023 AT 1:25 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357719-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 19, 2008 and recorded in Deed Book 6728 at Page 0002 among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the CHARLES COUNTY, 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646, on

MAY 30, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 06-012388

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $10,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 12% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

8137 Woodward Street
Savage, MD 20763

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ADAMA FALL, dated January 6, 2006 and recorded in Liber 9779, folio 592 among the Land Records of **HOWARD COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-13-CV-22-000659; Tax ID No.06-545750) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for HOWARD COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-003187)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

17670 Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville, MD 21780-9714

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 17670 Sabillasville Road, Sabillasville, MD 21780-9714. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 20, 2004, and recorded in Liber 5108 at Page 157 among the land records of the **County of Frederick**, in the original principal amount of $116,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF FREDERICK, at 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland, on **May 31, 2023 at 9:30 AM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 10-275172

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-290626.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

3631 Byron Place, Frederick, MD 21704

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3631 Byron Place, Frederick, MD 21704. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded in Liber 6467 at Page 223 among the land records of the **COUNTY OF FREDERICK**, in the original principal amount of $480,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF FREDERICK, at 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland, on **May 31, 2023 at 9:30 AM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 07-223730

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 14-242651.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

440 Heather Ridge Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 440 Heather Ridge Drive, Frederick, MD 21702. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated December 21, 2018, and recorded in Liber 12815 at Page 396 among the land records of the **County of Frederick**, in the original principal amount of $180,500.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF FREDERICK, at 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland, on **May 31, 2023 at 9:30 AM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 02-076217

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-292260.

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Members of Nritya Mandap perform a Nepalese dance with the Capitol as a rainy backdrop during 2018’s Fiesta Asia, a cultural celebration on Pennsylvania Avenue with a parade, food and a market.

Fiesta Asia

The Fiesta Asia street festival fills Pennsylvania Avenue with a vibrant display of cultures from across Asia. Where else can you hear Bollywood songs, watch Tibetan folk dance, see demonstrations of Muay Thai kickboxing and hear traditional Chinese folk music on the same day? The Asia Heritage Foundation’s event, now in its 18th year, includes a cultural parade, multiple stages of performances, a market, a mix of food and drink vendors, and literal dancing in the street.

When: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Pennsylvania Avenue NW between Third and Sixth streets. *fiestaasia.org*.
Admission: Free.

Adams Morgan PorchFest

Since 2013, Adams Morgan PorchFest has brought dozens of bands and musicians to perform on the neighborhood’s front porches and public spaces every fall. This year, organizers have decided to double the entertainment with a spring edition, too. Seventeen stages, which range from side-street stoops to Kalorama Park, host more than 70 acts throughout the afternoon, including headliners the Experience Band and Show, while businesses on 18th Street and Columbia Road offer discounted drinks, snacks and even flowers. Pick up a map and wristband at the corner of Columbia and Adams Mill roads and get exploring, or just let your ears be your guide.

When: Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Where: Various locations around Adams Morgan and Kalorama. *admodc.org/porchfest*.

Admission: Free.



OLD TOWN FESTIVAL OF SPEED & STYLE

The Old Town Festival of Speed & Style brings sports cars from the 1950s to the modern day to the streets of Alexandria.

Africa on the Avenue

The impact of African immigrants on the communities along Georgia Avenue NW is celebrated at Africa on the Avenue in Bruce Monroe Park. Listen to music representing Nigeria, Ethiopia, Mali and other countries; browse vendors selling everything from clothing and baskets to hot sauce and coconut water; and bring the kids for activities including face painting and a story time with Sankofa Books.

When: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Bruce Monroe Park, Georgia Avenue NW between Irving Street and Columbia Road. *districtbridges.org*.

Admission: Free.

Bourbon and Bluegrass

A pair of bourbon cocktails are included in the ticket price for this annual outdoor bluegrass concert, held at President Lincoln’s Cottage on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Dom Flemons, known for his album “Black Cowboys” and roots music radio show “American Songster,” headlines both afternoons, with openers including Baltimore singer-songwriter Letitia VanSant on Saturday and banjo prodigy Nora Brown on Sunday. Bring a picnic blanket and buy a meal from local vendors like Timber Pizza or Rocklands Barbeque, and be sure to sign up for exterior tours of Lincoln’s Cottage — the summer home of President Abraham Lincoln — with a historian. Proceeds from the weekend benefit the cottage’s preservation.

When: Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Where: President Lincoln’s Cottage, 140 Rock Creek Church Rd. NW. *lincolncottage.org*.

Tickets: $35-$130. Free for children ages 6 and younger.

Old Town Festival of Speed & Style

Alexandria’s historic cobblestone streets serve as a very pretty parking lot for the fourth annual Old Town Festival of Speed & Style, which showcases more than 100 eye-catching rare cars. Spectators can walk along the section of Old Town near the Potomac to get up close to stylish supercars, racing cars and high-performance vehicles, including sports cars from the ’50s through the ’80s, as well as unusual modern automobiles. The event, which raises money for local charities, also includes live music and a fashion discussion led by Monte Durham of the reality show “Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta.”

When: Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Lower King Street (around Market Square) in Old Town Alexandria. *festivalspeedstylealex.com*.

Admission: Free.

Plan Ahead

Noteworthy events over the next few weeks

June marks the beginning of music festival season, and local stages will be full of international stars and up-and-coming young performers. From giant amphitheaters to neighborhood celebrations, here's what you need to know — and hear.

June 2-4 Capital Jazz Fest

This is the 30th year for Capital Jazz Fest, and fittingly, the event brings more than 30 acts to Merriweather Post Pavilion over three days. Vocalists Fantasia and Joe headline the "Friday Night Soul" concert, and the rest of the weekend includes performances by George Benson, Corinne Bailey Rae, Ne-Yo and the Isley Brothers. On Saturday and Sunday, you can bounce between the Pavilion Stage, which is devoted to contemporary jazz, and the Symphony Woods Stage, where you'll find R&B and soul music. *June 2 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and June 3-4 from noon to 10 p.m. Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Pkwy., Columbia. capitaljazz.com. $89.50-$235.*

June 3-4 Sound Scene

D.C.'s interactive sound and multisensory arts festival returns to the Hirshhorn with art installations, live performances and small group workshops on everything from beat making to sonic meditation. Both local and international artists perform over two days, with the goal of making some noise at the museum. *10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, 700 Independence Ave. SW. hirshhorn.si.edu. Free; RSVP suggested.*

June 10 Tinner Hill Heritage Music Festival

New Orleans funk band Dumpstaphunk headlines this 29th annual festival dedicated to celebrating Black history in the Falls Church neighborhood of Tinner Hill. In addition to a full day of music, there's a "relaxation village" with yoga and hammocks, a beer garden, and works by local artists. Families shouldn't miss entertainment like a set from kids' band Rocknoceros and a "puppy petting party" by Lost Dog and Cat Rescue. Snacks are available from local restaurants, including Northside Social and Clare & Don's Beach Shack. *11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. tinnerhill.org. Adults $30, students age 12-22 $10, children 11 and younger free; VIP $55.*



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Lalah Hathaway performs at the 2021 Capital Jazz Festival, an event that returns June 2-4 at Merriweather Post Pavilion.

June 10 Woodmoorstock

Silver Spring's Woodmoor neighborhood is bringing back Woodmoorstock, a free music festival that turns driveways and porches into stages for 55 bands playing throughout the afternoon. An open-to-all drum circle kicks off the party at Woodmoor Circle at noon, before crowds traverse the neighborhood to visit 11 stages, hearing a wide range of musical stylings and hitting up food trucks along the way. Organizers report more than 2,000 music lovers attended the first festival in 2022. *Noon to 6 p.m. Woodmoor neighborhood in Four Corners at University Boulevard and Colesville Road, Silver Spring. facebook.com/Woodmoorstock. Free.*

June 17 and 24 Home Rule Festival

Bring a blanket and picnic to Walter Reed's Great Lawn to listen to two days of acts curated by CapitalBop and Songbyrd Music House, two power players in the local music scene. The concert lineup on June 17, featuring go-go band EU and six other DJs and artists, includes add-on attractions like a record fair and drinks from Anxo cidery, while June 24's festivities revolve around a jazz showcase. General admission is free, or you can spring for VIP tickets, which include special access and artist meet-and-greets. *1 to 9 p.m. The Parks at Walter Reed, 1010 Butternut St. NW. theparksdc.com. Free-$65.*

June 16-18 Re:Set

Music fans who get FOMO about committing to a single stage at big outdoor music festivals might be on board with the format for this new concert series. Happening at cities across the country in June, each Re:Set show includes full-length sets from four different acts all on the same stage. The D.C. region's Re:Set venue is Merriweather, with indie supergroup Boygenius, Steve Lacy and LCD Soundsystem headlining Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively — along with supporting acts including Bartees Strange, James Blake and Jamie XX. *4:15 to 10 p.m. Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Pkwy., Columbia. dc.resetconcert series.com. $99.50-$650.*

June 24-25 Out & About Festival

Wolf Trap debuts a music festival that puts the spotlight on LGBTQ artists and allies, with folk-rock singer Brandi Carlile headlining two nights of performances. She's supported by acts like country-soul singer Yola, singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright and indie-pop band Lucius. It's the rare occasion when you can visit all three of Wolf Trap's stages, from family-friendly shows for all ages at Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods to D.C.'s up-and-coming indie-soul band Oh He Dead at the Meadow Stage. Note that separate tickets ($12; 10:30 a.m.) are required for the children's performances. *4 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Rd., Vienna. wolftrap.org. $75-$498.*

— Adele Chapin



NICK MORELAND

The Home Rule Festival, featuring local jazz, go-go and other styles, is coming to the Parks at Walter Reed on June 17 and 24.



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Ask Tom
Excerpts from Post Food Critic Tom Sietsema's online discussion

Q: Hi, Tom! I've been wanting to try Jiwa. I will finally be in Tysons Corner next week and thought it would be time to go, but I made the mistake (or not) of looking at online reviews, and they're consistently terrible. 3.7 stars out of 5 on Google and 3.5 out of 5 on Yelp. I don't think I've ever seen a Google score that low for a restaurant. I know you loved it. Have you been back since your review? Do you think they recognized you and that's why your experience seems to be different than that of others? A.k.a., should I skip or should I go?
A: I don't think I was recognized on at least two of my four visits at **Jiwa**, but even so, the service was consistently good, save for when dishes showed up before the table was cleared for them, a major problem just about everywhere I go anymore. My major criticism was about noise, not the menu. Have you followed me for a while? Do you trust what I write, and do our tastes generally align? Then go to Jiwa. I have no idea what it means to get a 3.7 on Google (Google!), by the way. The chef, Pepe Moncayo, has a solid reputation. I didn't have time to look at the negative reviews you mention, but I'd LOVE to get your report, should you decide to take the plunge. (P.S. I have not returned since my original review, because my column just ran on April 30.)

Q: Hi, Tom! My wife and I are headed to Jazz in the Garden on Friday night. Could you recommend some carryout dinner options in the neighborhood that would keep well in transit? Bonus points if it pairs well with Sculpture Garden sangria!
A: What about a $17 bento box from the always-delicious **Teaism**, with three locations in Penn Quarter, Dupont Circle and Lafayette Square? I'd spring for the tea-cured salmon hand roll.

Q: What is the best bar in D.C. for vermouth? Is there anywhere that does tastings or classes with vermouth? I'd love to find a place to hang out for my birthday in late July.
A: Fritz Hahn, my colleague in Weekend, points you in the direction of **Jaleo** in Penn Quarter, which has vermouth flights, and **Joselito** on the Hill, where he's encountered a bartender at happy hour who's happy to chat up the fortified wine. You might also check out **Grand Cata** on Seventh Street in Shaw. Happy early birthday.

Q: Tom: When you get together with other food critics, what do you talk about? Food? Restaurant recommendations? The weather?
A: It depends on who the critic is, and how well we know each other! The last time I got together with someone who does what I do, outside D.C., we talked about travel, trends, careers, relationships and where we'd want to live if we weren't in our respective cities (LA and D.C.).

Q: Hi, Tom. I have a visitor arriving this week from the U.K. who has expressed interest in Korean. Any tips? I don't eat a lot of meat, but no allergies; D.C./Virginia preferred; and ideally around $100 or less without alcohol for two.
A: You want to book a table at the delicious and neighborly **Anju** in Dupont Circle or **Ingle Korean Steakhouse**, one of my top 25 new restaurants, in Vienna.

Q: Do you know of any sources for a good lowbrow prime rib? I am dating myself here, but we looooooved the Orleans House in Arlington back in the day. Does anything else close to that vibe still exist?
A: The place that comes to mind is always-reliable **Artie's** in Fairfax, which offers blackened prime rib on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for $54, loaded baked potato and service with a smile included.

Q: Ate at Zinnia recently, partially on your recommendation, and holy scallop, that seafood chowder was incredible. I can't even remember what else we had (though it was all good) — the seafood chowder eclipsed it.
A: Big fan of **Zinnia**, ever since they treated my great-nephew and great-niece so well on Easter. Yes, the kids made a mess. Yes, I overtipped. Yes, I sought out a manager to make sure the servers and runners were praised by name. (And yes, I got on my hands and knees to pick up crumbs.)

Q: I am a real foodie, and I love reading your reviews and restaurant recommendations. As you do, I love the food at Rasika and Rasika West. My husband and I just inherited a condo near the Buffalo Bridge, and I am having a blast trying new places, often on your advice. Any other suggestions for good Indian restaurants in Georgetown or near Dupont Circle?
A: I can't think of another Indian spot that comes close to the quality offered by **Rasika West End**. Further removed from Georgetown, though, are **Bombay Club** downtown and the casual **Pappe** on 14th Street NW.

Tom Sietsema hosts a weekly Q&A on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at *live.washingtonpost.com*.

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HELEN KIRBO

Gothic alter ego sings a twisted love letter

BY OLIVIA McCORMACK

Hayden Anhedönia, coming Friday to the Anthem, is touring as Ethel Cain, her creation whose rise and tragic fall are recounted on her debut studio album, "Preacher's Daughter."

Hayden Anhedönia is sitting comfortably in her Pittsburgh home. Meanwhile, Ethel Cain, the musical persona Anhedönia created, is rotting in her lover's stomach, having fallen victim to a case of domestic cannibalism that Cain recounts on her debut studio album, "Preacher's Daughter."

That album spells the end for Ethel Cain. But don't worry; Anhedönia has a trio of prequel albums in the works, one focusing on her alter ego's high school years and two more that will relay the stories of Cain's mother and grandmother. Oh, and Cain is currently touring, which is something the deceased can do when they were never quite real to begin with — when they were born from a mind like Anhedönia's.

A storyteller at heart, Anhedönia has been living in her head for as long as she can remember. As a child, she would concoct stories to keep herself entertained. The desire to create new worlds never went away: "I've always been obsessed with having one foot out of reality," she said in a recent Zoom interview.

That reality-straddling is what conjured Ethel Cain, who shares some similarities with her creator — they both came from deeply religious families in the South — but also some major differences. Anhedönia left her hometown and became a successful singer whose breakout hit was listed as one of former president Barack Obama's favorite songs of the year. Ethel Cain was consumed by love, turned to sex work and then got cannibalized by her lover — a horror story worthy of the Old Testament.

"I want to tell this great American epic. A story that is rooted in both realism and surrealism and is just entertaining, but also has some emotional depth to it," said Anhedönia.

As a kid, Anhedönia dreamed up stories to keep herself entertained. As an adult, she's devising stories to stay connected to her childhood. Anhedönia, a trans woman, grew up in a religious family in Perry, Fla. After high school, she had a bad taste in her mouth and wanted to flee. Circumstances made that dream impossible, so she moved about an hour away to Tallahassee. There, her affinity for her home was rekindled.

"I came to love the places I grew up," said Anhedönia. "But kind of in a different context because I was an adult, so I was a bit more in control of my environment."

"Preacher's Daughter," which was released in May 2022, is a twisted love letter to the South. Anhedönia used Ethel Cain for a reckoning of sorts. Her alter ego "became this kind of figurehead for everything that I'd loved growing up and kind of started to reclaim as an adult."

Her gothic love letter is not without internal friction. Anhedönia, now a Pittsburgh resident, struggles with the coastal propensity to write off Southerners, while also watching with horror as her home state passes a slate of anti-trans legislation.

"Every time you see [anti-trans legislation], you're transported back to when you were a kid,"

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NICK FANCHER

Pop-rock band the Blue Stones will play the Black Cat on Saturday. Their rock edge is evident on the headbanging single "Don't Miss."

Reunited Walkmen, R&B and more music to catch

BY HABEN KELATI

The Blue Stones

The Blue Stones' pop-rock music is an undeniable good time. Their 2022 album "Pretty Monster" is aptly named; the duo's rock edge deepens the impact of their often catchy and fun sound. This is evident on the project's first single, "Don't Miss" — a headbanging jam overflowing with a braggadocious energy. The euphoric chorus includes the lyrics, "They get mad when I follow it up / Oh, cause it's hit hit hit / I don't miss miss miss," and a stirring electric guitar performance. Canadian members Tarek Jafar and Justin Tessier are just doubling down on the music of their previous projects, like 2021's "Hidden Gems." The song "Spirit" is a standout on that album with its melodic twists on the guitar and darker themes. It's about second-guessing yourself and the uncomfortableness that comes with being so uncertain: "I think I'd rather be alone / Shut the lights / Lock my phone / Close the blinds / Here we go." It's a peek into a fragmented state of mind, yet the song never leans all the way into that darkness, its upbeat instrumentation still hinting at joy. The Blue Stones' musical promise seems to be that no matter how dark they go, their boldly joyful spirit is never far behind.

Saturday, doors open at 8 p.m. at the Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW. blackcatdc.com. $25.

Chrisette Michele

Long Island native Chrisette Michele has a quintessential R&B voice. It's a powerhouse voice that can be soft and sultry when the musical moment calls for it. On the verses of one of her biggest solo tracks, "A Couple of Forevers," Michele's raspy voice is sweet and subdued, her "s" sounds elongated and turning into whispered whistles. By the time the chorus rolls around, Michele is belting out the lyrics, "Just a couple of forevers / A couple of forevers," describing a love that she never sees ending. Michele's vocal versatility has translated into a long, successful and diversified career. She has collaborated with music's biggest artists and served as the song-

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HANNAH YOON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Chrisette Michele, who's collaborated with music's biggest artists over a long R&B career, comes to the Birchmere on Wednesday.



JOE BUGLEWICZ FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The Walkmen, reunited onstage after a decade away, are set to play four shows at 9:30 Club beginning Tuesday. The concerts aren't just a reunion but also a homecoming; the musicians, all graduates of D.C. high schools, jammed around the District in their early days.

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stress on the chorus on rap crossover hits like Jay-Z's "Lost Ones" and Rick Ross's "Aston Martin Music." Her decades in the music industry haven't been without scandal; Michele lost a substantial portion of her fan base when she performed at President Trump's inauguration in 2017. Yet her affecting R&B discography endures, because when she sings about the bright peaks and dark valleys of love and heartbreak, listeners believe her. On the title track of her 2009 album "Epiphany," Michele sings over a groovy drum loop about coming to a realization that a relationship must end. "How many times did I fall for your lies / How many times did I fall down and cry," she sings on the bridge, stretching her belting voice so that you can almost hear her tears. *Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. birchmere.com. $69.60.*

The Walkmen

The Walkmen have reunited onstage after a decade away (although they tell The Washington Post it was never really a breakup). The rock band's official return was at "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," where it performed the defining hit "The Rat." The song starts out swinging with the lyrics, "You've got a nerve to be asking a favor / You've got a nerve to be calling my number," and never relents. Those combative vocals that feel anchored in sincere pain are accompanied by urgent-sounding guitar chords and drums that are unwavering. And, like any classic song that defines a genre or musical era, "The Rat" has lost none of its meaning to time. The song is off the sophomore record "Bows + Arrows," released in 2004, on which the band tightened up the sound it introduced on its debut two years earlier. Another standout on the record is "138th Street," which has an eerie aura mostly because of an echoing guitar and a more subdued vocal performance. With lyrics like, "But you go out in the night till you got no place to go / Something you ain't doing right is haunting you at home," this moody song is about regret and roads not taken. All of the Walkmen's members are graduates of two D.C. private high schools, and they spent much of the beginning of their career as a band jamming around the city. So for the District, this isn't just a reunion, but a long-awaited homecoming. *Tuesday through Thursday, doors open at 7 p.m., and May 26, doors open at 8 p.m., at 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW. 930.com. $40.*

Big Chess DC

D.C. native Big Chess is the bandleader of Big Chess DC Music Group, a band that has played with the likes of Chuck Brown and Prince. Big Chess began playing as a teen in Southeast Washington and veered into rap before returning to go-go. His 14-member band is committed to maximizing the sound's improvisational potential. "We always allow room for each player to have their say — to play the uncharted note, the blue note, the unscheduled thing," Chess told The Post. "Those moments usually make the mix." *Wednesday at 7 and 9 p.m. at Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW. bluesalley.com. $30.*

Ellen McCarthy contributed to this report.

D.C. native Big Chess is the bandleader of Big Chess DC Music Group, coming Wednesday to Blues Alley.



DARNLEY HODGE



On Exhibit

MUSEUMS

*The following special exhibitions are on view at area museums. For a complete list of all permanent, indefinite and long-term exhibitions, please consult individual museum websites. Museums marked with an * are free. Note: The National Museum of Women in the Arts is temporarily closed for renovations.*

***AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER**
"The Barlow Gilotty Collection," through Sunday. Works selected from the art collection of Washington's Philip Barlow and Lisa Gilotty, whose collection, spanning 30 years, focuses on area artists.
"Gail Rebhan: About Time," through Sunday. The first museum retrospective dedicated to the work of this D.C. artist, whose photographic practice explores the theme of time. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW. *american.edu/cas/museum*

***ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM**
"To Live and Breathe: Women and Environmental Justice in Washington, D.C.," through Jan. 7. The show explores how local women of color have become leaders in the environmental justice movement. 1901 Fort Pl. SE. *anacostia.si.edu*

***GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AND TEXTILE MUSEUM**
"Anne Lindberg: What Color Is Divine Light?" through July 1. An immersive installation of light and thread is a site for contemplation and reflection.
"Prayer and Transcendence," through July 1. An examination of the purpose and iconography of classical prayer rugs from across the Islamic world. 701 21st St. NW. *museum.gwu.edu*

***GLENSTONE** "Ellsworth Kelly at 100." A comprehensive presentation of more than 70 works marking the centennial of American artist Ellsworth Kelly (born 1923 and died 2015) is on view in the Pavilions. The exhibition will reflect Kelly's expansive practice with a wide range of media and includes paintings, works on paper, photography, sculptures and multi-paneled reliefs. 12100 Glen Rd., Potomac. *glenstone.org*

HILLWOOD ESTATE, MUSEUM AND GARDEN "Determined Women: Collectors, Artists and Designers at Hillwood," through June 18. A celebration of women featured in Hillwood's collection, many in portraits, and often by female artists. 4155 Linnean Ave. NW. *hillwoodmuseum.org*

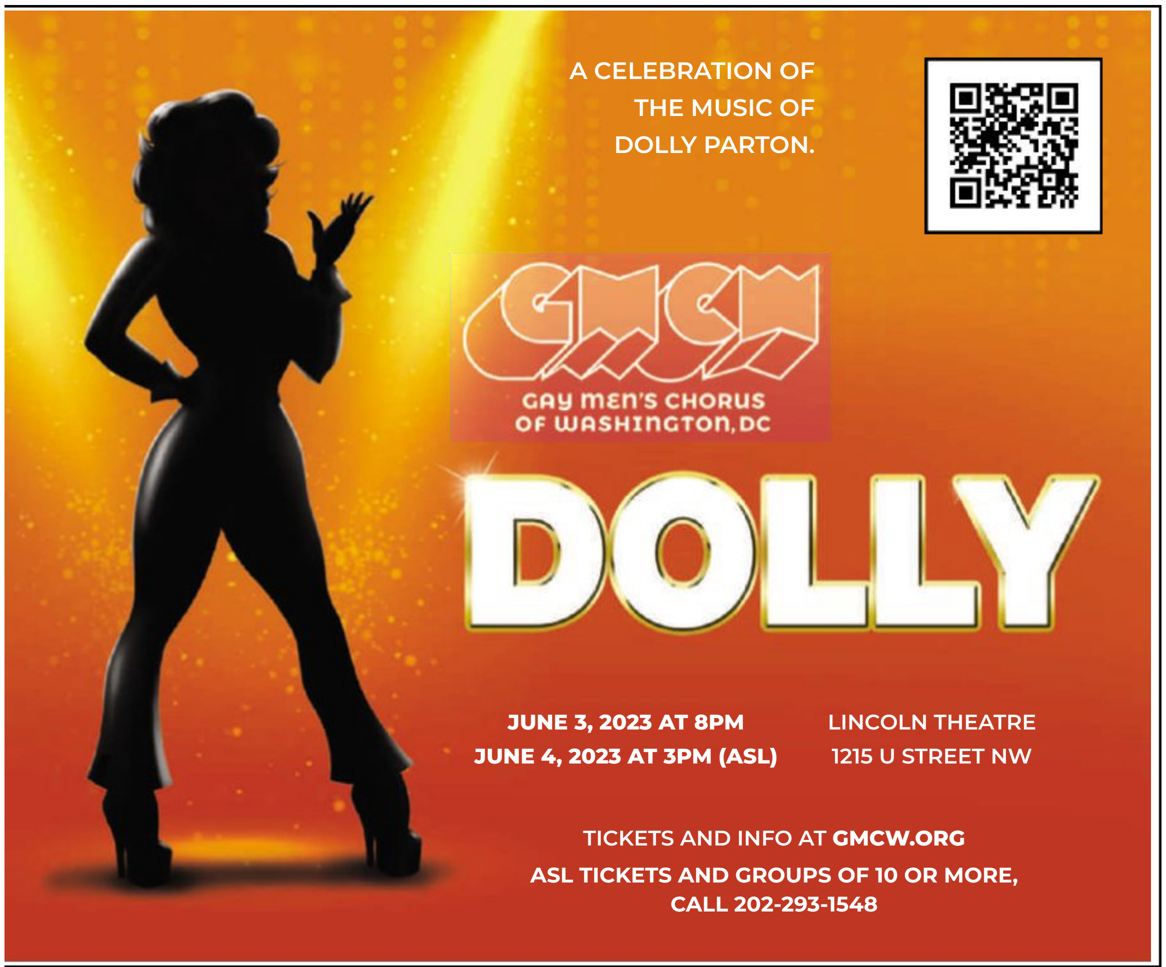
***HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN** "A Window Suddenly Opens: Contemporary Photography in China," through Jan. 7. A showcase featuring 186 photos and related artworks from 1993 to 2022.
"Put It This Way: (Re)visions of the Hirshhorn Collection," through fall. Named after pop artist Rosalyn Drexler's provocative 1963 painting of a man slapping a woman, the full-floor, mixed-media exhibition brings together pieces by 49 women and nonbinary artists from the museum's collections, including work by art history mainstays such as Louise Nevelson and Anni Albers and living artists such as Zanele Muholi and Sondra Perry.
"John Akomfrah: Purple," through summer. Showing vulnerable landscapes in Alaska, Tahiti and elsewhere interspliced with archival footage of coal mines, polluted lakes and factory labor, an hour-long immersive video installation and meditation on climate change.
"One With Eternity: Yayoi Kusama in the Hirshhorn Collection," through July 16. Yayoi

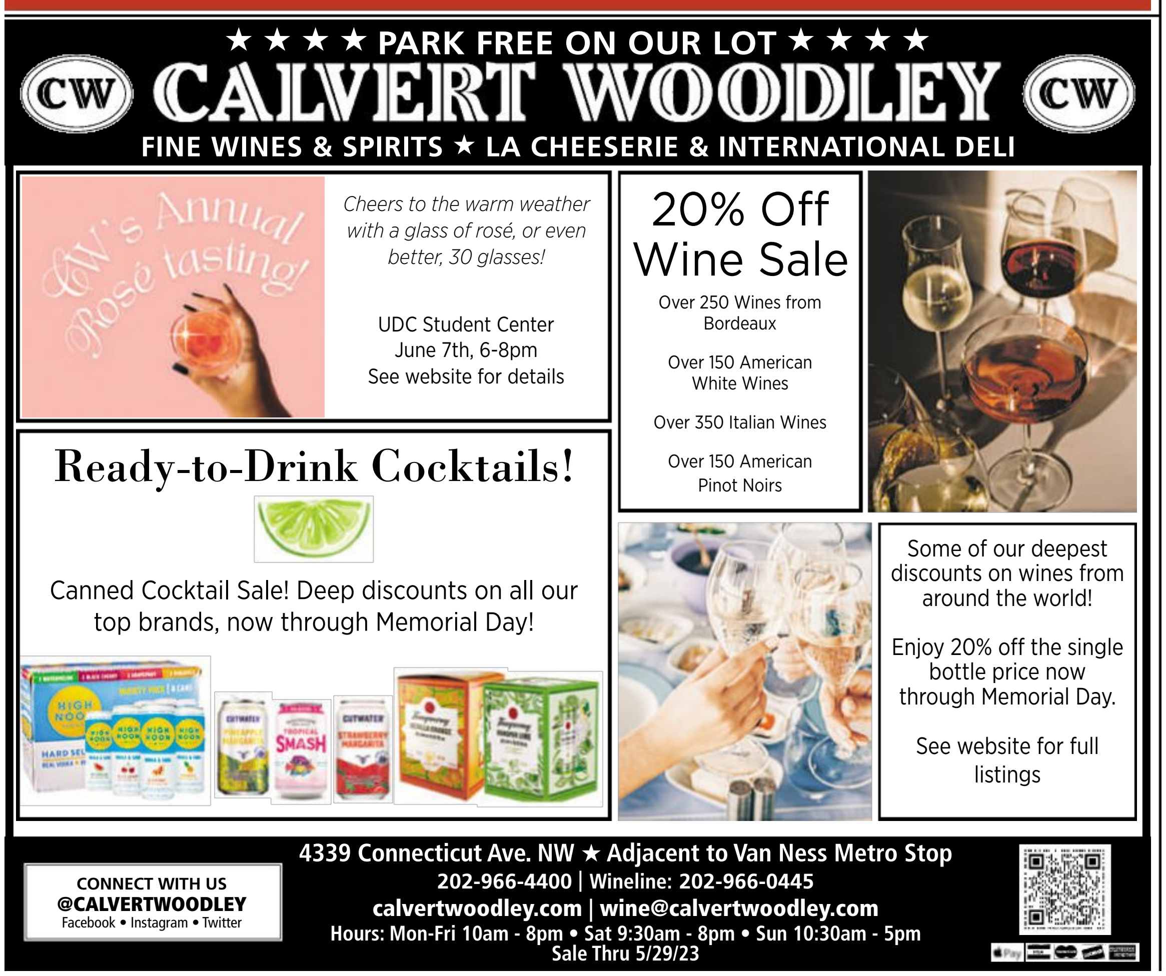
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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN ART, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, FREER COLLECTION/CHARLES LANG FREER ENDOWMENT

Ewer from 16th-century Japan in "Words of Wisdom: Buddhist Calligraphy From Japan" at the Freer Gallery of Art.





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she said. "You're like, 'Oh, my God.' Just because you made it out doesn't mean everybody's made it out. It's an ongoing thing for these kids."

Anhedönia feels that whatever measure of acceptance she gained back home came because people knew her personally — she was someone they'd broken bread with, not a boogeyman caricature sketched out by some fearmongering campaign.

And she hopes, inversely, that she can be that bridge to people better understanding the complexity of the South.

"I would really hope that through making art the way that I do, people could see that you can be from the South, you can be from a rural area, you can be all these things and also be trans," said Anhedönia. "It is such a diverse community, and there's a lot of love there, and there's a lot of camaraderie and community and familial ties underneath all that kind of hatred that the South is known for."

Anhedönia, 25, grew up in the early aughts, wearing a cousin's hand-me-downs, watching VHS tapes and attending Southern Baptist church with her family four or five days a week.

"This first record was me trying to capture that nostalgia of my childhood and what it felt like to be a kid in the middle of a lot of crazy [stuff] that I didn't understand," said Anhedönia. Part of what she didn't understand was why the church seemed to both love and reject her. In her song "Sun Bleached Flies," she chants, "What I wouldn't give to be in church this Sunday / Listening to the choir so heartfelt, all singing / 'God loves you, but not enough to save you.'"

Similar sentiments of God's unanswered prayers are echoed in "American Teenager," an antiwar single that Obama included on his list of favorite songs of 2022. Asked about the significance of that recognition, Anhedönia said she had "zero thoughts." Instead, she's struck by how quickly her life has changed.

In 2019, she was working on "Preacher's Daughter" on the heels of announcing her transformation into Ethel Cain and taking photos in abandoned houses where she would have to fling fleas off an ethereal white dress. Now, she's "Mother Cain," as her fan base calls her.

Anhedönia feels just fine about that kind of recognition.

Especially "if it makes these kids feel connected. And part of something," she said. "Growing up, we didn't have somebody from the South being like, 'Hey, you can do all this [stuff] and you can still pump your gas barefoot.' It's cool to be that."

8 p.m. Friday at the Anthem, 901 Wharf St. SW. theanthemdc.com. $55.

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Kusama's visions of eternity return to the Hirshhorn with an exhibition of five Kusama works from the museum's collection, including two of Kusama's popular "Infinity Mirror" rooms. (Free next-day timed passes are released daily at noon on the museum website.) Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW. *hirshhorn.si.edu*

KREEGER MUSEUM "Doing the Work," through Aug. 5. This group exhibition features the work of Kyrae Dawaun, Cecilia Kim, Ara Koh, Samera Paz and Matthew Russo. 2401 Foxhall Rd. NW. *kreegermuseum.org*

***NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM** Eight galleries are open, including "The Wright Brothers and the Invention of the Aerial Age," which celebrates the life and legacy of pioneering aviators Wilbur and Orville Wright with the 1903 Wright Flyer as the centerpiece; "Nation of Speed," which explores America's efforts to become a fast nation by air, land and sea with vehicles such as Mario Andretti's Indy 500-winning racecar; and "Destination Moon," which builds on the museum's Mercury, Gemini and Apollo artifacts and traces how humans made it to the moon. Sixth Street and Independence Avenue SW. *airandspace.si.edu*

***NATIONAL ARCHIVES MUSEUM** "All American: The Power of Sports," through Jan. 7. A look at the history of sports and their power to unite citizens, teach values, bridge social divides, aid diplomacy and protest inequality. 701 Constitution Ave. NW. *museum.archives.gov*

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM "The Wall/El Muro: What Is a Border Wall?" through July 3. An immersive exhibition of photography, video and artifacts that examines the U.S.-Mexico border wall from a built environment perspective and addresses the role of design in national security and geopolitics.
"Alan Karchmer: The Architects' Photographer," through Aug. 14. A showcase of the work of the architect/photographer, in celebration of the bequest of Karchmer's professional archive to the museum. 401 F St. NW. *nbm.org*

***NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART** "This Is Britain: Photographs From the 1970s and 1980s," through June 11. Recently acquired photographs reveal a portrait of a disunited kingdom, beset by economic woes and racial strife.
"Looking Up: Studies for Ceilings, 1550-1800," through July 9. Some 30 examples of the evolution of ceiling decoration.
"Philip Guston Now," through Aug. 27. This retrospective charts the 50-year career of one of America's most influential modern artists through more than 150 paintings and drawings.
"The Interior Life: Recent Acquisitions," through Sept. 10. A selection of recently acquired artworks by 25 artists on the theme of inner life.
"Drawing in Britain, 1700-1900: New Additions to the Collection," through Aug. 6. An overview of two centuries of British art in a selection of recently acquired drawings and watercolors.
"Going Through Hell: The Divine Dante," through July 16. The exhibition explores the influence of Dante's "Divine Comedy" in some 20 works from the National Gallery's collection. Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW. *nga.gov*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE** "Reckoning: Protest. Defiance. Resilience," ongoing. The exhibition focuses on the Black Lives Matter movement and art that depicts resistance and protest.
"Afrofuturism: A History of Black Futures," through March 24. A look at the history of Afrofuturist expression, a movement exploring the Black experience through science fiction, technology and other futuristic elements. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. *nmaahc.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART** "From the Deep: In the Wake of Drexciya with Ayana V. Jackson," through April. Artist Ayana V. Jackson uses animation, immersive video, installation, sound and scent in an exhibition inspired by the 1990s techno band Drexciya, whose albums imagined a mythical aquatopia populated by descendants of pregnant African women thrown (or who jumped) overboard into the Atlantic during the Middle Passage. 950 Independence Ave. SW. *africa.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY** "Presente! A Latino History of the United States." The Molina Family Latino Gallery is the first gallery space of the new National Museum of the American Latino and tells U.S. history from the perspective of members of the diverse Latino community and covers themes such as immigration, identity and legacy.
"Entertainment Nation" features an ever-changing selection of objects and interactive experiences exploring how for over 150 years entertainment has been an expression of our national character. Constitution Avenue NW, between 12th and 14th streets. *americanhistory.si.edu*

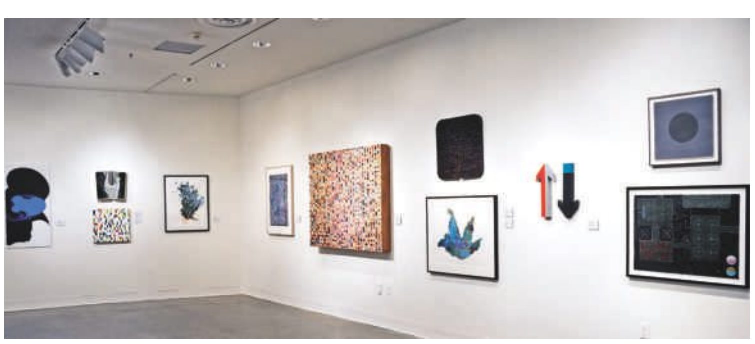
***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN** "Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces," through Nov. 30. Personal stories of Native Americans, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native veterans who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW. *americanindian.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN ART** "Unstill Waters: Contemporary Photography From India," through June 11. Works by Indian artists address global environmental and social issues.
"Anyang: China's Ancient City of Kings," through April 28. The first major U.S. exhibition dedicated to the capital of China's Shang dynasty.
"A Collector's Eye: Freer in Egypt," ongoing. An exhibition showcasing Egyptian art collected by the namesake of the Freer Gallery of Art, one of the museum's two galleries.
"Ay-O's Happy Rainbow Hell," through Sept. 10. The first museum exhibition in the United States dedicated to pioneering Japanese artist Ay-O, a celebrated figure of the pop art movement.
"The Art of Knowing in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Himalayas," ongoing. A showcase of works from the permanent collection that explore religious and practical knowledge.
"Words of Wisdom: Buddhist Calligraphy From Japan," through Feb. 25. This exhibition brings together different types of script presented in various formats to illustrate a journey of objects, knowledge and cultural identity. 1050 Independence Ave. SW. *asia.si.edu*

***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** "Sea Monsters Unearthed: Life in Angola's Ancient Seas," through summer. A look at the fossil-packed cliffs of Angola, which was once home to real-life sea monsters, and how evolution, geology and the environment have shaped ocean life there in the past and present.
"Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World" looks at the work of epidemiologists, veterinarians, public health workers and citizens to identify and respond to such infectious diseases as HIV/AIDS, Ebola virus, influenza, Zika virus and others. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. *naturalhistory.si.edu*

***NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY** "Kinship," through Jan. 27. More than 40 works by contemporary artists such as Njideka Akunyili Crosby, LaToya Ruby Frazier and Jess T. Dugan, who explore personal relationships, intergenerational bonds, and the way our connections endure and change.
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9 D.C. happy hours where you can eat and drink for under $10

BY FRITZ HAHN







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ABOVE LEFT: At Atlas Brew Works by Nationals Park, happy hour means $10 for a house beer, such as Dance of Days pale ale, and two slices of Andy's Pizza. ABOVE RIGHT: At El Chucho, try the al pastor, left, and carne asada tacos ($3 each) and Old Time Lager ($4). LEFT: Happy hour at the Blaguard can get you a half-dozen dry-rubbed Old Bay wings ($5) with a draft beer ($5).

Once upon a time, Washington was a magic place for happy hours. Bars and restaurants so craved after-work business that they offered free — free! — tacos, pizza or popcorn shrimp, in addition to discounted drinks, to lure young and hungry customers. If they weren't giving food away, well, how broke could you go on 25-cent wings?

These days, you're lucky if a bar knocks a couple of bucks off its appetizers.

In an attempt to be as thrifty as possible while also realizing that times have changed, we gave ourselves a challenge: Go out for happy hour and see how much food and drinks $10 buys, not including tax and tip. Because we are responsible, a decent amount of food had to be involved — no filling up on free chips and salsa — which sadly ruled out 10 mugs of $1 Miller Lite at the Madhatter's Thursday night throw-down. It is, we admit, a completely arbitrary number, which means excluding otherwise worthy deals, such as Union Pub's 40-cent wing night, where the two-drink minimum means you'll spend $12 for an order of wings and two house beers, or Hill East Burger's pairing of buttermilk chicken nugs and $1 Old Time beer, which adds up to $11. But you have to draw a line somewhere.

Atlas Brew Works and Andy's Pizza

When: Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.

Where: 1201 Half St. SE. *atlasbrewworks.com.*

The skinny: $10 for a beer and two slices of pizza.

One of the best craft beer happy hours in town got even better this year when its hours doubled: Atlas Brew Works' Half Street SE location now offers two slices of Andy's foldable New York-style pizzas with a pint of select Atlas beers for $10 every weekday between noon and 6 p.m. Pair the award-winning cheese with Dance of Days pale ale, or go hard with the pepperoni cup slice and a hoppy Ponzi IPA. The deal is valid at the bar as well as the streatery outside. Sadly for Nationals fans, the deal isn't offered when the team is playing at home — though there will be plenty of times this season when happy hour promises to be a better reason to go to Half Street than baseball.

The Blaguard

When: Monday through Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. (extended to 10 p.m. Wednesday), plus daily specials.

Where: 2003 18th St. NW. *blaguarddc.com.*

The skinny: $4 and $5 draft beers, $5 rail drinks, $5 wings, plus $5.50 burgers (Monday) and $6 totchos (Thursday).

The Blaguard's happy hour is legendary — check out the wall of "Reader's Choice" awards — because of its affordability. Almost every draft, whether you want a Port City Optimal Wit or a fancy RAR double IPA, costs $5. The exceptions are beers like Bud Light and Old Time Lager, which are $4, as are PBR tallboys. Rail drinks are also $5. Blaguard's happy hour runs later than most, too: No need to rush after work when the deals run from 5 to 8 p.m., though seats do fill up, so the earlier you get to Adams Morgan, the less chance you'll be competing with kickball teams for a table. The sign on the wall lists drink specials, but grab a food menu and you'll find a half-dozen wings for $5, with choices including neon-orange Frank's, Old Bay dry rub or classic D.C. mumbo sauce. Don't miss other daily specials, such as a half-price, no-frills Angus cheeseburger on Mondays or totchos — tater tot nachos — piled under cheese and other toppings on Thursdays. The Blaguard is an old-school neighborhood bar where you'll probably wind up talking sports with regulars on either side of you — and you'll understand why they keep coming back.

El Chucho

When: Monday through Friday, 4 to 6 p.m.

Where: 3133 11th St. NW. *elchuchodc.com.*

The skinny: $3.50-$4 beers, $6 margaritas, $3 tacos, $6 guac and chips.

Your hunger level is going to determine how you approach El Chucho's happy hour on our $10 budget. Worked straight through lunch? Grab two of the tacos, with a choice of pulled chicken in a peppery adobo sauce, piled with sofrito; marinated steak covered in radishes, pico and queso fresco; spicy pork with cilantro and onions; or a veggie option with shiitake, peppers and onions. A tallboy of DC Brau's Old Time Lager is $3.50, or splurge on $4 options, including a bottle of Negra Modelo or can of Hellbender IPA. Feeling peckish? Go for the personal-size bowl of guacamole with housemade chips, plus a beer to wash it down. Had a meeting with catered lunch? Treat yourself to the house's silver margarita with a salted rim, but grab a taco anyway — no point drinking on an empty stomach. No matter how hungry you are, the Columbia Heights restaurant

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is a fine spot, especially if you can perch in the window seats.

Ivy and Coney

When: Monday through Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m.

Where: 1537 Seventh St. NW. *ivyandconey.com.*

The skinny: $6 for a hot dog and a beer. Outside of happy hour, you're still paying only $9 for a hot dog and a beer.

Ivy and Coney revels in its role as a throwback neighborhood bar inspired by the corner taverns of Detroit and Chicago. Its specialties are the traditional tubed meats of its hometowns: a Detroit-style Coney Dog, topped with a rich homemade chili, mustard and onions, and a Chicago Dog, "dragged through the garden," with tomato, pickles and sport peppers among the toppings on the seeded bun. For the first hour the joint is open Monday through Thursday, grab a dog of your choice and a beer — either DC Brau's Old Time Lager or a pint of rotating cheap beer that Ivy and Coney markets as "Old Style-ish" in honor of that cheap Chicago lager — for $6. It's a great deal, but look, if you show up at 6:02 p.m. Tuesday or 9 p.m. Friday, you can get the same hot-dog-and-beer combo for $9 or $10, depending on your choice of beer. Either pairs perfectly with the baseball on TV, whether you're sitting in the cozy front bar or on the buzzier back deck.

Last Call

When: Monday to Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday from 3 to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Where: 1301-A Fourth St. NE. *lastcallbardc.com.*

The skinny: $3 martinis; $3 beer; $5 wine, sangria and draft cocktails; $3 half-smokes.

Even at happy hour, a $3 cocktail seems too good to be true. And if it does exist, it has to be concocted with some bathtub-quality, back-of-the-bottom-shelf industrial spirits, right? Not at Last Call, where the $3 gin martini is made with Beefeater and Dolin Blanc vermouth, and the $3 vodka martini features One, a winter wheat vodka from Moldova. Both are served in coupes with a choice of olives or a twist. "We lose money" on every pour, says Last Call owner Gina Chersevani. "We don't even make cost, but we do it because it's awesome. Beers and other stuff balance out" the red ink from cocktails, "but it's important to give back to your guests." Other drinks on the menu include a $5 Old-Fashioned, made with Jim Beam and Angostura before it's carbonated and put on tap; a $5 choice of red, white, rose and sparkling wine; $5 sangria; and $3 pints of Old Time Lager. Then there are the half-smokes, cooked on a roller behind the bar. Made in New Jersey, they come from a deli company that works with Buffalo and Bergen, Chersevani's bagel counter in nearby Union Market. The sausage, tucked into a split-top bun and served with a choice of toppings including onions, mustard and individual packages of relish, is flavorful and spicy, with a decent snap. Sitting at the bar, rocking out to a soundtrack of Green Day, the White Stripes and De La Soul, it's hard to want to go to happy hour anywhere else.



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Red Derby's weekly trivia night overlaps with its all-night Paul Rudd Wednesday happy hour (named for the actor who once visited the bar), with $3 beers and half-price sides, such as tater tots and fries.

The Madhatter

When: Monday to Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays also include $2 tacos.

Where: 1319 Connecticut Ave. NW. *madhatterdc.com.*

The skinny: $3 Miller Lite; $4 rail drinks, Blue Moon and Madhatter lager; $4.50 Mangoritas; $5 Orange Crush; food including $5 chicken tenders and Dune Fries and $6 loaded nachos, onion rings and mozzarella sticks. Tuesdays only: $2 tacos from open until close.

The Madhatter has long been a refuge for those seeking discounted food and drinks. Its Thursday Mug Night, with Miller Lite drafts for $1 from 8 p.m. until close, is packed with 20-somethings. Unsurprisingly, the Dupont bar's happy hour menu leans toward sports bar staples: big-brand domestic drafts and food straight out of a fryer, including chicken tenders, mozzarella sticks and Dune Fries — a Delaware variation on loaded fries, topped with sour cream, cheese, bacon and green onions. For the purposes of this story, any of those food and drink items could be paired for $10 or less. What stands out, though, are options more at home at a beach bar than on Connecticut Avenue: Orange Crushes — a pint glass with orange vodka, triple sec, orange juice and Sprite — and the Mangorita, a portmanteau for a frozen mango Margarita. To make the most of these summery beverages, visit on a Tuesday, when the usual happy hour overlaps with the weekly $2 Taco Tuesday promotion. Choose from chicken, beef or pork, which arrive on a small corn tortilla with pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese, accompanied by a bottle of Cholula. Not the fanciest happy hour tacos, but agreeable with the sweet-and-sunny drinks.

Oyamel

When: Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 p.m.

Where: 401 Seventh St. NW. *oyamel.com.*

The skinny: $5 Mexican beers, $5 tacos and appetizers.

When we set the parameters for this story, I was adamant that free food didn't count. No chips and salsa, bread baskets, or little bowls of mixed olives. I began to regret that decision as soon as we sat down at the marble counter at Oyamel and an overflowing cone of crispy, freshly fried chips arrived in front of us, alongside a bowl of smoky, garlicky salsa. It's a perfect snack and (doing the math) meant I could order the $8 margarita, which is one of the finest "basic" versions in D.C. I'd be perfectly happy doing that, but rules are rules, so I stuck to drinks from the (somewhat disappointing) selection of Tecate and Dos Equis. But the complaints stopped there: José Andrés's Mexican restaurant is a crowd-pleaser. A pork confit taco splashed with avocado and salsa verde, topped with crunchy pork rinds, or mushrooms and peppers, given a peppy chili kick and covered in crema. A tamale packed with

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chicken, swimming in savory green tomatillo sauce. A cheesy stuffed pork belly quesadilla with a five-chile sauce. There's literally no way to go wrong — or not to be tempted to blow your budget. The non-taco dishes are best for sharing, if you're forced to do so.

Red Derby

When: Wednesdays, 5 p.m. until close.

Where: 3718 14th St. NW. *redderby.com.*

The skinny: $3 Miller High Life, $3.50 mystery beers, $3 baskets of fries, $3.75 plain onion rings or tots, $4 baskets of topped tots.

Actor Paul Rudd once visited the Red Derby, and that's why Wednesdays are now known as Paul Rudd Wednesday. (As bartender Stephanie Carter explains, "It's a bit.") The back-to-basics rooftop bar works equally well for a date or catching up with friends, especially if you're sharing red plastic baskets filled with Old Bay-covered fries or lemon pepper tater tots and sipping from Miller High Life cans. (If the Champagne of Beers doesn't appeal, you can just ask a bartender for a mystery beer, which they'll pull from one of the coolers behind the bar. Good luck!) The Derby offers other specials throughout the week that fit our $10 rule: Tuesday means half-price ($7) platters of chicken tenders and fries and $3 Tecates, while Thursday's deal is half-price ($6.75-$7) turkey and veggie burgers with $3 Miller Lite. Wednesday, though, brings the option of participating in one of the area's most entertaining trivia nights — and you can get *two* beers for your ten-spot; even the most "Clueless" drinkers know that's a better deal.

Tono Sushi

When: Daily, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: 2605 Connecticut Ave. NW.

The skinny: $2 sushi (nigiri in pairs); $4 Japanese beer, such as Kirin and Sapporo; $5 wine and cocktails, including cosmos and litchi mojitos.

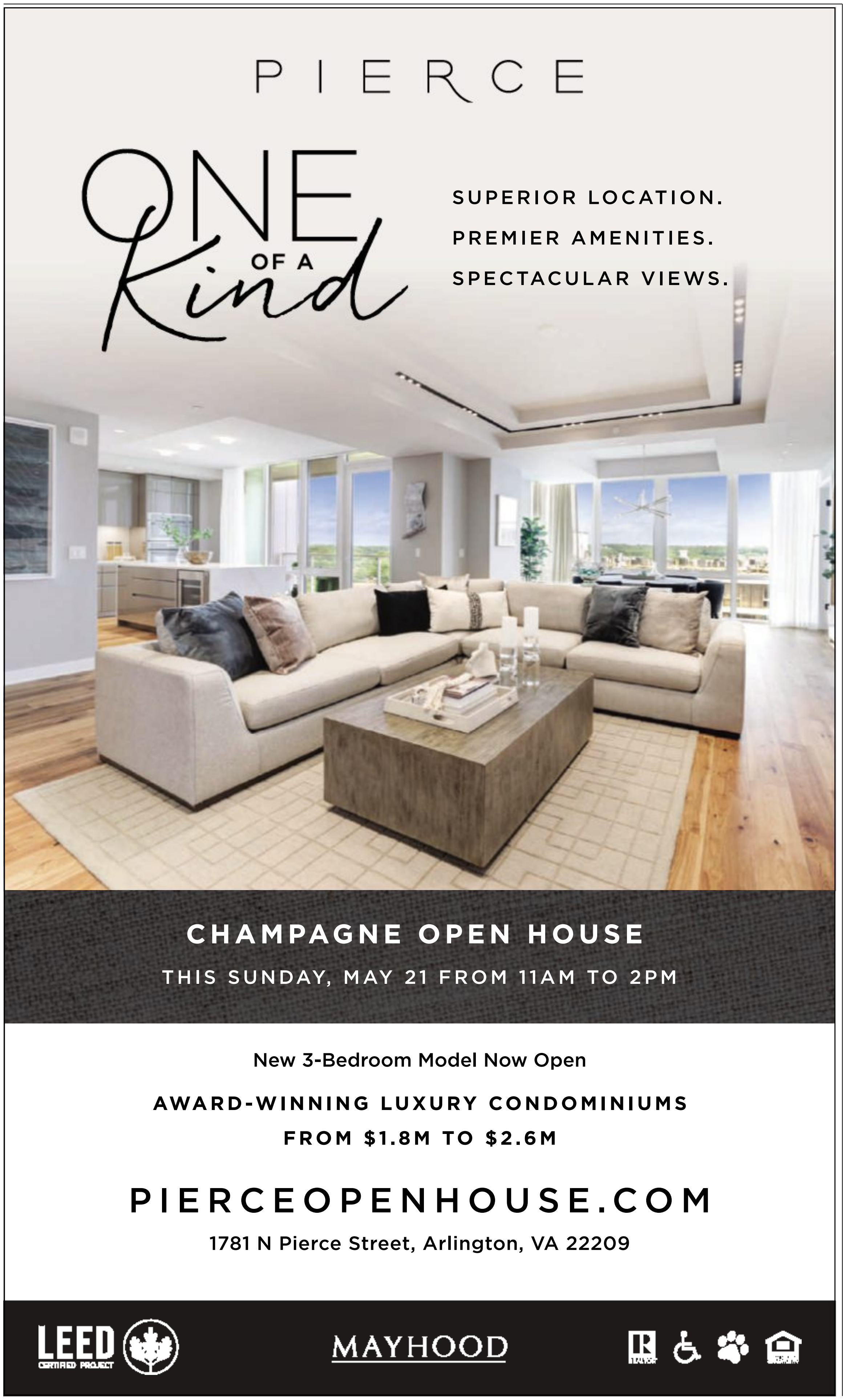
Tono Sushi is a throwback to the glory days of D.C. happy hours, and not just because it's been serving sliced fish in Woodley Park since the turn of the century. Tono's affordable happy hour has long made it a favorite date spot — according to a review by Post critic Phyllis Richman, sushi was as cheap as 50 cents per piece in 1999. A few years later, Tono was among a number of buzzy restaurants offering $1 sushi happy hours, alongside Cafe Asia, Uni and Saki. Of that group, at least, it's the lone survivor. There are some changes these days: The nigiri is sold in pairs, making it $2 per order. Unfortunately, any maki with fish is over $6.25, which means it doesn't quite fit our $10-per-person parameters, once you add drinks. If you're on a date, though, you can be creative: A couple can pick from several maki options, such as the salmon scallion roll ($6.75), order a beer and two nigiri each, and still skirt under $20. The service is cheery and prompt, and while happy hour might not bring the selection you'd find at an omakase counter, it's hard to argue with the price at a very affordable happy hour.



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ABOVE: Happy hour at Last Call includes a half-smoke ($3) and draft beer ($3). BELOW: For the Hora Feliz at Oyamel, try a tamal verde: a tamale with shredded chicken and a green sauce ($5).









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TOP: Friends and students of Elena Wittman, a local milliner, show off their outfits during a picnic at Wolf Trap National Park. ABOVE: The group enjoyed homemade pizza, tea, fruit and crackers at the Virginia park's Meadow Picnic Area, which offers bathrooms and parking within easy reach.

The inside scoop on top picnic spots

To find out the best places for a romantic spread or a barbecue with friends, we asked the people who'd know: Park rangers

BY ADELE CHAPIN

There are few life experiences that evoke a feeling of total leisure more than a picnic. The deliberate choice to dine in nature, away from work and chores and worldly responsibilities. The smell of the grass, the sounds of the birds. The possibility of a Frisbee toss before dessert.

To help you find the perfect picnic spot, we asked the experts: rangers from 10 public parks around Washington. They know these oases better than anyone and can point to the best spots to lay down a blanket for two or invite your whole crew to meet up for a barbecue. Some of their picks offer other opportunities for recreation, including hikes, playing fields and even a roller rink. Others feature stunning views and glimpses of history.

So the next time the sun shines and you're ready to do little beyond eat and relax, pack your basket and head to one of these just-about-perfect picnic spots.

(Quick note: Bring a container to hold water to extinguish your fire if you plan on using a grill, and take care to either dispose of all your trash in a receptacle at the park or take it out with you when you leave.)

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Rock Creek Park

Washingtonians don't even need to leave the city to explore a national park, since this 1,754-acre sanctuary is right in their backyards. With more than 30 designated picnic areas here (some of which are first-come, first-serve and some of which require reservations), Rock Creek Park has a spot for everyone, says volunteer and youth programs coordinator Kyle Yarusso.

Need plenty of parking options? Try Picnic Grove 13 and 24. Want the prettiest view? His favorite is the busy Picnic Grove 1 near the historic circa-1820s Peirce Mill, with easy access to a multiuse trail. Or try Picnic Groves 6 through 10 along Beach Drive. "That's a great place to take in the sights and sounds of the actual Rock Creek," Yarusso says.

To beat the crowds, Yarusso recommends Picnic Groves 16 through 19 along a quiet area of Glover Road. "That's an area to escape without really going too far," he says. Another peaceful picnic option is right outside his office at Rock Creek Park headquarters in the Klingle Mansion near the National Zoo. "It's a hidden gem," he says. "We've got a big grassy field here, a big meadow; there are lots of folks who like to take advantage and lay their blanket out here."

2401 Tilden St. NW. 202-895-6000. nps.gov/rocr.

Anacostia Park

National Park Service ranger Vincent Vaise is the program manager for visitor services at National Capital Parks East, which means he has multiple parks in his portfolio — and one of them, Anacostia Park, has a feature that's one of a kind. "We have the only owned and operated roller skate pavilion in the Park Service," he says. "How many places can you go picnicking and then go roller skating?" You can even rent skates free from a kiosk in June, July and August — with special entertainment like Late Skate nights with a DJ and theme nights (think '70s or '90s night). There are bathrooms in the roller rink, and picnic amenities like grills as well as riverfront views.

If two wheels are more your speed, Vaise recommends packing a picnic onto the back of your bike. "We have the Anacostia River Trail, and picnic areas are interspersed along the trail," he says, whether that's under a tree by the river or in "these little castle-like outcroppings." Start biking at the lower part of Anacostia, right across from Navy Yard, and the trail will take you into Maryland all the way up to Bladensburg.

1500 Anacostia Dr. SE. 202-692-6080. nps.gov/anac.



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Raven Haywood, 10, and Destiny Black, 12, play in the water at Fort Washington Park after their grandmother brought the sisters in search of a peaceful spot.

Maryland

Fort Washington Park

A historic fort, a lighthouse, an incredible view and reliable summer breezes are what move Fort Washington Park to the top of Ranger Vaise's favorite spots to picnic. "If you've never been there, you're missing out," he says. "When you picnic at Fort Washington, you have this panoramic vista of the whole Potomac River." At this spot situated just a 15-minute drive from National Harbor, you'll see Mount Vernon and Alexandria on the Virginia side and, on a clear day, D.C. There are picnic tables available, but Vaise also recommends setting up your meal on a blanket either on the hillside overlooking the river or under a tree near the lighthouse.

History buffs should make time to tour the fort, complete with underground chambers and a drawbridge at the entrance. In this area, he says, "it's as close to a medieval castle as you are going to get."

13551 Fort Washington Rd., Fort Washington. 301-763-4600. nps.gov/fowa.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

As chief of interpretation, education and volunteers at C&O Canal National Historical Park, Christiana Hanson has a lot of ground to cover. "We are a 184.5-mile park, so long and lean," she says. "We stretch from Georgetown all the way up to Cumberland, Maryland." That's a lot of picnicking opportunities, and Hanson divides her recommendations into close-to-the-city options and much more rural spots.

For the former, the Carderock Recreation Area just off the Clara Barton Parkway is one of Hanson's favorite picnic destinations. Not only does this spot offer access to the canal, towpath and the banks of the Potomac River, there's also a big 200-person covered pavilion that's available to reserve online. It's a quintessential recreation spot, offering picnic tables, restrooms, lots of parking and a grassy area for soccer with a volleyball court nearby. "It's just a really nice oasis, super close to the city but also stepping into nature," she says. It's also within easy access of the very popular (and challenging) Billy Goat Trail, which offers rock scrambles and great views of the Potomac's waterfalls and rapids. "Usually, folks either come to the Great Falls area and end their day at Carderock or they set up in Carderock and walk up to the falls," Hanson says.

Another of Hanson's preferred picnic options is Fletcher's Cove, an angler's paradise in the District. "It's literally on the river, so you have really amazing views," she says.

But if you want to really get away from city life, follow C&O Canal's towpath to explore Maryland canal towns like Brunswick, Williamsport and Cumberland, then duck back into the national park for a picnic, in a hiker/biker campsite or elsewhere. "There are a lot of off-the-beaten-trail spots along the towpath where folks can take a pause and have a picnic," she says.

Carderock Recreation Area, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., Bethesda. 301-739-4200. nps.gov/choh.

Fletcher's Cove, 4940 Canal Rd. NW. nps.gov/places/000/fletchers-boathouse.htm.

Seneca Creek State Park

The Pines picnic area at this Gaithersburg park really exceeds expectations, says Manuel Toscana, a Maryland state park lead ranger who has Seneca Creek State Park under his purview. "It almost feels scenic even though you're right by the parking lot, which is kind of crazy to say," Toscana jokes. "There are these beautiful old pines that were planted there many years ago. You don't feel like you are in the middle of Montgomery County. You feel like you are out in the woods." There are grills and bathrooms nearby, and if you stand in the right spot among the pines, you can even catch a view of Clopper Lake.

Picnickers in search of wide-open spaces

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Shanee Simhoni, Jacob Koehler, Monk Mckerrihan, Sebastian Rodriguez, Hanitua Teai, Wade Naughton and Katie Pindell picnic at Fletcher's Cove.

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FROM LEFT: Tonya Bell holds her daughter Saiye while on a picnic with her friend Camren Mclean in Anacostia Park; John Hooley grills corn and sausage for a birthday picnic at Fletcher's Cove, part of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park; and Maria Volkovq hugs her dog during a picnic at the Carderock Recreation Area.







FROM LEFT: Local milliner Elena Wittman poses for a portrait at Wolf Trap National Park's Meadow Picnic Area; Frank Bonds fishes while his wife and mother-in-law enjoy a picnic at Anacostia Park; and Nour Kazoum, Maroun Habchy and their daughter Stella Habchy, 5, gather to eat with the local Lebanese community at Fletcher's Cove.

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Armoné Williams of Prince George's County paints during a pleasant afternoon at Anacostia Park. National Park Service ranger Vincent Vaise points out a unique selling point of the park: a roller skating pavilion owned and operated by the agency.

can head to an expansive field near the lake, with shade courtesy of a few big trees. "It's pretty romantic," he says. "There are a lot of people who come in an hour or two before the park closes, and they will enjoy it right up until closing time."

11950 Clopper Rd., Gaithersburg. 888-432-2267. dnr.maryland.gov.

Catoctin Mountain Park

Phillip S. Greenwalt likes to think of the Catoctin Mountain Park's Chestnut Picnic Area as a little snapshot of the entire national park. To get to this collection of ADA-accessible picnic tables and restrooms, you'll take a scenic drive through this park situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Right near the picnic area, there's a trailhead for the Spicebush Nature Trail, a 0.2-mile-long path made with a wheelchair-friendly rubberized material called WoodCarpet.

"We invite people for that first step to get away," says Greenwalt, the chief of interpretation and education at Catoctin. "It is a unique area because it seems like you are on the side of the mountain in the woods, but you're real close to Park Central Road — you're real close to getting back to the visitors center." It's also a great hub to explore the trails on the west side of the park and the park's horse trails, so you might see some riders trotting by.

Chestnut Picnic Area is also studded with signs that explain Catoctin Mountain Park's inspiring history: After being clear-cut, the area was reforested during the New Deal. "You get to see a park that is a success story," Greenwalt says, "where nature and humans interacted and created something that returned it to its original beauty."

14707 Park Central Rd., Thurmont. 301-663-9388. nps.gov/cato.

Virginia

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

When most Washingtonians think of Wolf Trap, they envision a concert under the stars headlined by the likes of Indigo Girls or John Legend. But Jan Lemons, chief ranger at Wolf Trap, is just as familiar with the sounds of birds singing and water trickling through Wolf Trap Run, the stream running through this national park.

"I know we get several hundred thousand [visitors] a year just for the concerts, but we do have three miles of hiking trails," she says. "With our ease of accessibility, along with our beautiful scenery, we also encourage people to come out for a hike and a picnic."

To that end, Wolf Trap just completed three new wooden picnic decks that are fully accessible and look out over the park's meadows below. Bathrooms and parking are within easy reach of the Meadow Picnic Area. If you're keen to eat on a picnic blanket, Lemons also recommends walking through the meadow and posting up right by the stream for a "peaceful, tranquil setting." There's no grilling allowed at Wolf Trap, but leashed dogs are always welcome for a picnic with pets.

1551 Trap Rd., Vienna. 703-255-1800. nps.gov/wotr.



A father shows his daughters a turtle he found at Wolf Trap National Park's Meadow Picnic Area. In addition to hosting concerts, the park has three miles of hiking trails.

Shenandoah National Park

There are seven established picnic areas in Shenandoah National Park, located 75 miles from D.C. and home to spectacular vistas along its Skyline Drive. Each picnic area is "wooded and very rustic," says Claire Comer, an interpretive specialist at Shenandoah. Picnickers will find grates for grilling (you're not allowed to start a fire anywhere else), as well as picnic tables, water and comfort stations.

If you're looking for an official picnic area that's even more secluded, Comer recommends the Elkwallow picnic area, which is located at the top of a little trail. Another option that stands out to her is Pinnacles Picnic Grounds, where an old, four-sided fireplace sits under a shelter for homespun s'mores.

Of course, Shenandoah is known for its views. "There are about 70 overlooks along Skyline Drive; those are all beautifully scenic," Comer says. Leave the coolers and picnic baskets at home and travel light to eat a sandwich by a waterfall — there are 14 waterfall hikes, with varying degrees of difficulty. "Whiteoak [Canyon Trail] is a favorite, but it's very crowded," she says. "Dark Hollow [Falls Trail] is the shortest one, although it's not an easy hike. It's very, very steep, but it's only a mile-and-a-half round trip." Or if you're not afraid of heights, Comer suggests picnicking at an overlook like Crescent Rock or Hogback. "Those western-facing overlooks are wonderful places to see the sunset," she says.

21073 Skyline Dr., Front Royal. 540-999-3500. nps.gov/shen.

Prince William Forest Park

Ikea shoppers in Woodbridge might not guess that a massive national park is located less than 30 minutes from Potomac Mills' big-box store sprawl. "We are the largest green space in the metro D.C. area," explains Kerri Syrus, park ranger of interpretation at Prince William Forest Park. "We are nearly 16,000 acres of forest, just right outside of the hustle and bustle."

Syrus is about to celebrate a decade working at the park, but there are still areas of the park she has yet to explore. She does have a favorite picnic area, however: Right near Parking Lot E, there are a few picnic tables in a "nice quiet open area." It's a bit more private than the popular Pine Grove Picnic Area, which boasts amenities like restrooms, grills and a playground.

Stretch your legs post-picnic with a walk on the three miles of the park's Scenic Drive that are set aside for bikers, joggers and walkers. "You don't have to dodge the traffic; you get a whole lane dedicated to you," Syrus says.

18170 Park Entrance Rd., Triangle. 703-221-7181. nps.gov/prwi.

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If you're planning a picnic for a big crew and want to be smack dab in the middle of outdoor activities, Lake Fairfax's acting park manager Todd Johnson suggests the "people's favorite" picnic shelters, simply named H, I, J and K. These covered shelters are available for reservation for a fee, with room for up to 100 people. "They have the view of the lake," says Johnson, and they are near the entrance to the Reston park's family water park, the Water Mine, as well as the site for rentals for paddle boats and kayaks on summer weekends. These shelters are also near restrooms and parking.

For smaller groups of picnickers, about 200 yards from those shelters you'll find first-come, first-served picnic tables with grills. "It's still in a very desirable location in proximity to the core area of the park," Johnson says.

But if you want to get away from it all and spread out a picnic blanket, check out the Multipurpose Fields that are adjacent to the Lake Fairfax Park Cricket Field. "It is a very large and quiet area of the park," Johnson says, "much more quiet then when we hosted Lollapalooza [here] in the early 1990s."

1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. 703-471-5415. fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax.

Artist gives defiant life to aquatic mythology

Smithsonian dives into Drexciya, an undersea Black American fable

BY MARK JENKINS

The premise of Ayana V. Jackson's exhibition at the National Museum of African Art is horrific yet hopeful. Her array of photographs, videos, costumes and installations illustrates a science-fictional notion: that pregnant African women who were thrown — or jumped — overboard from slave ships then gave birth to babies who could breathe underwater. The surviving children populated an aquatic realm called Drexciya.

The artist, who's known primarily as a photographer, is highly present in "From the Deep: In the Wake of Drexciya with Ayana V. Jackson." She appears in photos and videos, wearing fanciful outfits and diving in deep waters. Yet she had numerous collaborators in the project, and is extrapolating a concept that's not originally hers. Drexciya was first imagined by a Detroit musical duo of the same name. As Drexciya, James Stinson and Gerald Donald made electronic dance music from 1992 to 2002, until Stinson's death from a heart ailment.

Drexciya's synth-based sounds play in one of the show's four galleries, a sort of chill-out lounge with nooks outfitted with cushions for sitting. On one side, three portholes offer a view of a black female mannequin in Elizabethan dress, a reference to the fact that Britain's slave trade began under Elizabeth I. (The queen approved, and in one known instance

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FROM THE DEEP: IN THE WAKE OF DREXCIYA WITH AYANA V. JACKSON

National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave. SW. africa.si.edu.

Dates: Through April 2024.

Admission: Free.



"Some People Have Spiritual Eyes I," archival pigment print on German etching paper, part of the exhibition "From the Deep: In the Wake of Drexciya with Ayana V. Jackson" at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art.

AYANA V. JACKSON/MARIANE IBRAHIM GALLERY



PHOTOS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE ARTIST, AYANA V. JACKSON/MARIANE IBRAHIM GALLERY

TOP: "Dwellers in the Space of the Unknown." RIGHT: "When the Spirit of Kalunda Comes So Does Kianda." Both works are from artist Ayana V. Jackson, who's known primarily as a photographer. Jackson is highly present in "From the Deep: In the Wake of Drexciya with Ayana V. Jackson," appearing in photos and videos wearing fanciful outfits and diving in deep waters. The concept of Drexciya was first imagined by a Detroit electronic dance music duo of the same name.

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partly funded, voyages of ships that carried enslaved people.) The fancily dressed figure has her hands up in a gesture that could mean "Stop slavery" but also "Don't shoot," a plea that fast-forwards to the Black Lives Matter movement.

The scent of salt and lumber, evoking a journey on a wooden sailing ship, seeps into the room. "From the Deep" is a multisensory experience as well as a multimedia one.

Other galleries display photos and videos of Jackson covered in African-style body paint or in clothing made in collaboration with African designers Rama Diaw, Olabanji "Cheddar" Arowoshola and Mwambi Wassaki and Trinidad and Tobago's Robert Young. (In some of the images, the artist is partly nude.) The outfits are partly made of castoff items, often of nautical origin, including spoons, coral beads, fishing nets and oyster shells. Some pieces of the costumes are exhibited by themselves, as is a replica of the sort of iron collar forced around the necks of enslaved Africans. There's also a billowing skirt covered in Ghanaian paper currency, which Jackson wears in a photo of herself posing on the edge of the sea.

In one gallery, videos made with motion-capture technology flicker briefly on small porthole-shaped screens. In another, three of the four walls are video screens whose projections reveal Jackson at depths of over 100 feet, swimming amid reefs, sea creatures and oceanic vegetation. The artist became certified as a dive master to make these watery vignettes. They're accompanied by overlapping readings from two literary works: Robert Hayden's "Middle Passage" and Alexis Pauline Gumbs's "Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals."

The underwater videos, both literally and visually immersive, are the most striking part of "Into the Deep." As Jackson swims through watery depths, she brings the defiant fable of Drexciya to life.

The water-breathing denizens of Drexciya never existed, of course. But Jackson, who divides her time between Brooklyn, Johannesburg and Paris, has given a lot of thought to their identity.

The tale of Drexciya is "very much a Black American mythology," the artist acknowledged during a walk-through of the show just before its opening. The transatlantic slave trade is less discussed among Africans than by African Americans, she said.

Yet African mythology does include accounts of underwater domains and of such water spirits or goddesses as Mame Coumba Bang, Kianda, Yemaya and Olokun. In Jackson's version of the Drexciya story, these spirits helped the women who fell from slave ships and their babies. The role of the water deities, which the artist symbolically portrays in her photos and videos, is one of the artist's additions to the tale.

The imaginary inhabitants of Drexciya are "a tribe of Africans," Jackson noted. "These characters never became Americans."

"From the Deep" is a fantasy of retroactively rescuing some of the victims of the transatlantic slave trade. But it also expresses a contemporary, and more attainable, wish for the descendants of the Middle Passage: that African Americans recover, retain and nurture their African-ness.





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Ghost with the most gets another chance

'Beetlejuice,' panned during its 2018 run in D.C., returns after rewrites and Broadway success

BY THOMAS FLOYD

Composer Eddie Perfect was strolling into "Beetlejuice's" opening night after-party in November 2018, as the musical staging of the beloved horror-comedy movie premiered at D.C.'s National Theatre, when The Washington Post's review popped up on his phone and provided quite the fright.

"The new 'Beetlejuice' musical," the headline read, "is overcaffeinated, overstuffed and virtually charmless."

"I mean, it was a total pan," Perfect says. "I remember walking in and going, 'This is really, really bad,' and not really knowing how to process that."

Perfect and "Beetlejuice" book writers Anthony King and Scott Brown each bring up Peter Marks's review as a pivotal point in the show's trajectory but add that exit polling, producers' notes and live audience reactions also hinted that the musical required a reincarnation before its Broadway premiere in April 2019. Collaborating with director Alex Timbers, the creators promptly embarked on a five-month odyssey of script rewrites, score updates and tonal tweaks.

By the time "Beetlejuice" began haunting the Winter Garden Theatre, the changes had paid off: The critical reception improved, eight Tony nominations ensued and the show ran on Broadway for 679 performances before closing earlier this year. Now, "Beetlejuice" is revisiting its roots as the touring production arrives to spook audiences at the National Theatre through May 28.

"That's what an out-of-town tryout is meant to do," King says. "You learn what you have and how it's not connecting, and I think it was exciting afterwards to be able to rip up all the carpet and come out with something that we loved much more than what we had when we went to D.C."

The "Beetlejuice" musical retains the narrative skeleton of Tim Burton's 1988 film: Still mourning her mother's death, goth girl Lydia and her family move into a house haunted by the Maitlands, a recently deceased couple who summon the titular ghoul in hopes of scaring away their home's new inhabitants.

Although Michael Keaton's Beetlejuice had only 17 minutes of screen time in the film, the musical's creative team decided to center the devious demon onstage and reimagine him as a fourth-wall-breaking emcee. Reflecting on the D.C. production, Brown says the writers were chasing a "'Book of Mormon' idea of outrageousness" while overloading the character (as originally played by Alex Brightman) with crass jokes and brazen meta-humor.

"We were the trained rat with the red button that gives you the sugar, hitting that button over and over again because it always got a reaction," Brown says. "There was a lot of anxiety about just filling the space and pumping the energy. It's a pretty easy mistake to make in a lot of ways, and the correction did not really come until the hammer came down in that review."

On Broadway, the R-rated shtick gave way to a PG-13 tenor. One particularly notorious gag, in which a roasted pig's genitalia sprang to life, was trimmed. ("We

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BEETLEJUICE

National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. 202-628-6161. thenational.com.

Dates: Through May 28.

Prices: $60-$150.

From left, Britney Coleman as Barbara, Will Burton as Adam, Isabella Esler as Lydia and Justin Collette as Beetlejuice — the creepy character who first proclaimed himself "the ghost with the most" in the 1988 film — in the musical production "Beetlejuice." After 679 performances on Broadway, the show is on a tour that runs in D.C. through May 28.

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THEATRE					
KUMANANA! An Afro-Peruvian Musical Revue	Thru June 22 Wed–Sat at 8 pm Sun at 2 pm	Experience the power of the African beats and the resilience of a people that spurred change in a culture. Be part of the movement.	**GALA Theatre 3333 14th Street NW 202-234-71 74 www.galatheatre.org**	$25-$48	In Spanish with English surtitles
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CHUCK & EVA	Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 at 7p.m.	An experience that brings to life the legendary album “The Other Side” by DC and MD musical legends Chuck Brown and Eva Cassidy.	**The True Reformer Building 1200 U St NW, WDC 20009 202 204-7763 www.inseries.org**	$35, $45, $55	Music from the Great American Songbook
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cut if off the pig, and we hung it on a plaque above the underpass in the Winter Garden Theatre," Perfect says. "I always felt sad about that.") Once the show scaled back the bombast, its themes of processing grief and found family struck a clearer chord.

Perfect, meanwhile, used the score to develop the Maitlands into more compelling characters. Whereas the D.C. run featured a somber ballad from the duo called "The Children We Didn't Have," which heavily implied they had experienced a miscarriage, that song was cut in favor of "Barbara 2.0," an upbeat anthem of afterlife transformation that Perfect wrote during technical rehearsals on Broadway.

"Miscarriage is not great fun in a musical comedy," Perfect says. "So we learned that, and we cut their ballad in the second act in order to give them something that had drive behind it."

Another casualty of the D.C.-to-Broadway transition: "Everything Is Kinda Meh," a satirical song performed by a spectral boy band when Lydia ventures to the Netherworld. While the writers found the tune inherently amusing, its place in the plot puzzled many theatergoers.

As Brown astutely observes, "It turns out a rule of theater is you can't send the audience to hell in the second act and there's a dead boy band waiting for them." In that number's place, "Beetlejuice" now features the tango tune "What I Know Now" as performed by Miss Argentina, a ghostly character from the film who rued taking her own life (and made only a brief appearance in the D.C. production).

"The journey of Miss Argentina, who people love from the movie, is this sense that she chose a way out of life and regrets it," King says. "That felt like it resonated and echoed off of Lydia, who has chosen to go to the Netherworld to basically choose not to live because she misses her mom."

Ultimately, Perfect — who credits his wife for the idea to write the Miss Argentina number — got a Tony nomination for best score. The "Beetlejuice" record, meanwhile, was the third-most-streamed cast album of 2019, behind "Hamilton" and "Dear Evan Hansen." Such validation was a relief to the Australian composer, who recalls an audience survey from D.C. in which patrons were asked to identify the most memorable songs from the show and overwhelmingly voted for "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" and "Jump in the Line (Shake, Señora)" — two tunes featured in the film that, notably, were not penned by Perfect.

"Then the graph just dropped for miles and miles, and down at the bottom was this little row of tiny lines that were all my songs," Perfect says. "I was like, 'Everyone hates the score. I'm never going to work outside of Australia again.' So the fact that the score worked, that people were getting on YouTube and singing the songs, it just felt like a life preserver had been tossed to me."

King and Brown also earned a Tony nod for best book, and the show made the cut for best musical (losing to "Hadestown"). After cosplaying patrons showed up in movie-inspired costumes for the first few weeks of the Broadway run, King says, those outfits were soon swapped out for get-ups from the musical as fans connected with "Beetlejuice's" merry tale of the macabre.

"The main thing we wanted to get at with this show is that we as a culture do not really know how to talk about grief," King says. "We wanted to make a show that was about that. That has really resonated with a lot of people, and that just feels really satisfying. And I don't know if the D.C. version of the show would have had that resonance."



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Danielle Marie Gonzalez, left, as Miss Argentina with the touring company of "Beetlejuice." The ghostly character's tango tune "What I Know Now" was added after the show's first run in D.C.

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Like ‘Scooby-Doo’ with more firepower

Saga gets even more outlandish as it races toward the finish line

BY ANN HORNADAY



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TOP: The trademark mayhem, carnage, smash-ups and wanton destruction continue in “Fast X.” FAR LEFT: Vin Diesel, pictured with Rita Moreno, is back as former drag racer Dom. NEAR LEFT: Jason Momoa gets into the spirit as the villain, with Big Psycho energy.

Now more than two decades old, the Fast & Furious franchise is racing for the finish line with all the outlandish action and rank sentimentality it can muster. “Fast X,” the first installment of what will reportedly be a three-part swan song, is literally the beginning of the end, which promises to be an “Avengers: Endgame”-style reunion of the series’s core characters, now including its most memorable villain, played with equal parts glower and gleeful camp by Jason Momoa.

Viewers will remember that in 2021’s “F9,” the series literally went into space. Where to go from there? More outlandish stunts and set pieces, of course — in this case involving cars landing from an airplane onto a busy highway; a punishing girl fight executed between laser beams and shards of broken glass; high-tech wizardry; and, of course, several perilous car chases.

But in “Fast X,” the stars are the most compelling special effects. Is anyone *not* in this movie? Fans will no doubt appreciate the cameos, callbacks and tantalizing clues of what’s to come in a movie that serves its fan base with extravagant, here-comes-another-one fealty. The gravitational center, as always, is Vin Diesel — a walking testosterone gelcap whose emotional spectrum ranges from determined scowl to papa-bear growl — as Dom Toretto, a former drag racer who now leads a ragtag group of miscreants and former criminals for a shadowy law enforcement entity called the Agency. Dom is at his Dommiest in “Fast X,” uttering terse one-liners like “I got this” and wincing after a hundred-foot drop as if he’d just clipped a curb before delivering one of several soliloquies about the importance of family.

This is the “Fast” formula that, however creaky, has proved so irresistible since the first movie in 2001: visceral, progressively more preposterous action sequences — often involving promiscuous gunplay and bloody fights — punctuated by sermons on duty, honor and filial loyalty. In the grand tradition of American cinema, “Fast X” and its predecessors provide audiences what they crave most: a wish fulfillment fantasy of unbridled aggression that has the added advantage of being morally righteous. Boxes checked. Fire away.

Here, the ones doing the shooting are a motley but sleekly attractive ensemble of usual suspects and returning faves: Tej (Chris “Ludacris” Bridges), Roman (Tyrese Gibson) and Ramsey (Nathalie Emmanuel) return as Dom’s crew — sorry, *family* — along with his wife, Letty (Michelle Rodriguez), and Dom’s now-8-year-old son, Little B (Leo Abelo Perry), named for Dom’s best friend Brian. That character, of course, was played by Paul Walker until the actor’s untimely death in 2013; he still makes an appearance in “Fast X,” by way of flashbacks to a heist he and Dom pulled in “Fast Five,” involving not just the theft of a bank vault but stealing the entire vault itself.

In the course of that mission, they killed a crime kingpin named Reyes, whose son Dante (Momoa) has now surfaced to exact revenge. Mayhem, carnage, smash-ups and wanton destruction ensue — and that’s just in the first 10 minutes. As in previous iterations, “Fast X” takes its protagonists on a dizzying but somehow turgid tour of the globe, in this case laying waste to picturesque locales ranging from Rome (where a neutron bomb scuttles through the streets like a deranged megaton pinball) to Naples, Rio, London and Antarctica, all in service to a plot that resembles “Scooby-Doo” with fuel injection and more firepower. That might be the best way to appreciate “Fast X”: as an overstuffed live-action cartoon whose harebrained schemes and casual, stakes-free violence create the perfect accompaniment to a bowl of Froot Loops on a Saturday morning.

At least that’s the spirit in which Momoa approaches this monumentally silly endeavor: His Dante is a funny, flouncing maniac, given to progressively weirder wardrobe choices and TikTok-ready hairstyles. In one memorably icky scene, he’s having a spa day kitted out in a fluffy bathrobe and totes adorbs pigtails, ignoring the fact that his companions are in no position to enjoy their manipedis. As the capers get more bananas (feeling more like filler every time), so does Momoa’s Big Psycho energy. Amid all the screeching brakes, roaring engines and guns a-blazing in “Fast X,” his Dante provides both a jolt of playful humor and an unsubtle wink at the homoerotic frisson that has always animated the most stridently macho action movies.

Next to Momoa, the novelty of “Fast X” lies mostly in its cameos, which only a spoilsport would describe in more detail; suffice it to say that most work, and the most newsworthy come in the film’s final scenes, including the closing credits. Not surprisingly, “Fast X” brings new meaning to the term “cliffhanger.” There’s definitely more to come. There always is.

PG-13. At area theaters. Contains intense sequences of violence and action, coarse language and some suggestive material. 141 minutes.

The Starling Girl ★★★☆

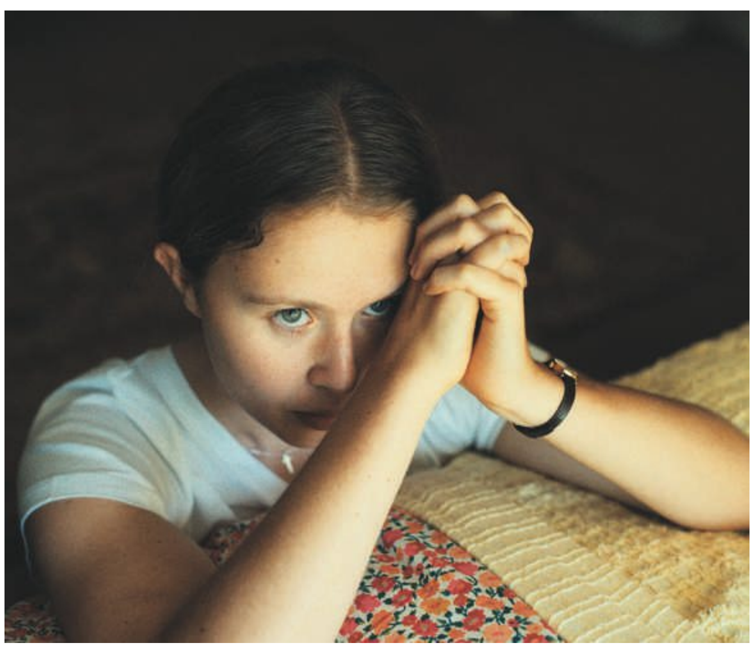


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Intimate portrait of a girl testing limits

Closely observed drama of teen's inner life shows director's confidence

BY ANN HORNADAY



ABOVE: Eliza Scanlen, left, plays a 17-year-old living in a fundamentalist Christian community and Lewis Pullman is the adult son of the church's pastor in "The Starling Girl." LEFT: Scanlen, as a teen chafing within the shame-based system that has controlled her, carries the film with luminous, lit-from-within equipoise.

In "The Starling Girl," Eliza Scanlen plays Jem Starling, a 17-year-old living in a fundamentalist Christian community in Kentucky. The film opens with a close-up of Jem as she delivers a whispered prayer, and the rest of the film unfolds the same way: as something delicate, private and achingly intimate.

Reared in a tradition that prizes obedience and self-denial over curiosity and expression, Jem finds herself at a typical adolescent crossroads: She loves to dance with her church's youth group, and she's a young woman of appetites, both literal and carnal. When Owen (Lewis Pullman), the adult son of the church's pastor, returns from a mission to Puerto Rico, the desires that Jem has been dutifully tamping down come to unruly and potentially catastrophic life.

As the first feature by writer-director Laurel Parmet, "The Starling Girl" announces a promising, amazingly assured new talent. Like another recent debut, Jamie Dack's "Palm Trees and Power Lines," this closely observed drama of a girl's inner life pays equal respect to the heroine's vulnerability and her impulsive agency. Handsomely filmed by cinematographer Brian Lannin to make the most of Kentucky's languid summer light, "The Starling Girl" possesses methodical, unhurried pacing reminiscent of such similar classics as "Smooth Talk" and "The Virgin Suicides." Like all good directors, Parmet is confident enough to know that atmosphere, emotional tone and unspoken feeling can convey far more meaning than the talkiest of dialogue.

She also knows it takes a superb cast to take that leap of faith: Scanlen and Pullman develop an entirely believable chemistry as two people whose attraction is as much mental and spiritual as physical. Pullman, most recently seen in "Top Gun: Maverick," plays down what could be immediately dismissed as Owen's scuzzy intentions, leaning into his earthy, disarming honesty (Owen likes church "when it's not all hung up on doctrine"). As the center of "The Starling Girl," Scanlen carries the film with luminous, lit-from-within equipoise. (Wrenn Schmidt and Jimmi Simpson are equally persuasive as Jem's strict but flawed parents.)

Audiences may think they know what's coming in "The Starling Girl," and they'll probably be right — but even within the confines of a familiar story, Parmet manages to surprise. As a portrait of a young woman testing the limits of the shame-based system that has controlled her, "The Starling Girl" plays like a warmer, more radiant companion piece to last year's "Women Talking." Jem might not do as much talking as her sisters in that film, but she embodies the same arguments — with strength, grace and sublime self-possession.

R. At area theaters. Contains some sexual situations. 116 minutes.

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Other People's Children ★★★★

A very French film squeezes big truths into a small-canvas story

BY ANN HORNADAY

There's a certain kind of French movie that's a quintessentially French movie: stylish, intellectually engaged, alert to adult emotions and problems. "Other People's Children" is that kind of movie — it tells a small-canvas story that loses none of its poignancy for refusing to overreach or give into fatal self-seriousness.

Rachel (Virginie Efira) is a 40-year-old Paris schoolteacher who, as the movie opens, is embarking on an affair with Ali (Roschdy Zem), a handsome automobile designer she's met in guitar class. The two flirt and seduce each other and clearly have a healthy connection, but Ali is hesitant to introduce Rachel to his 4-year-old daughter, Leila. When the time is finally right, Rachel falls instantly in love, and understandably so. Played with winsome charm by Callie Ferreira-Goncalves, Leila is an enchanting child, even when she's trying Rachel's patience with distracting demands or telling her father, within earshot, that she wants his girlfriend to leave.

Following Rachel over roughly one year, "Other People's Children" at first seems to be a blended-family parable — the tale of what might have been if Dustin Hoffman's character had introduced his son to JoBeth Williams in "Kramer vs. Kramer." But to its credit, this deceptively efficient but incisive portrait becomes something more, as Rachel grapples with whether she wants to become a mother (biological or surrogate), and what it means to make a meaningful difference in someone's life, regardless of whether you claim the title.

She explores the question by way of a few subplots, one featuring the documentary filmmaker Frederick Wiseman, cast as Rachel's gynecologist in an amusing cinematic inside joke, and another one featuring a recalcitrant student who resists Rachel's efforts to advocate on his behalf. When Rachel inevitably meets Leila's mother, Alice (Chiara Mastroianni), the expected melodramatic sparks fail to ignite. Instead, she discovers someone who understands her position better



MUSIC BOX FILMS

From left, Virginie Efira, Callie Ferreira-Goncalves and Roschdy Zem in "Other People's Children," directed by Rebecca Zlotowski.

than anyone, and the two form an ineffable but powerful bond.

Insightfully written and directed by Rebecca Zlotowski, "Other People's Children" indulges in all the delicious tropes we've come to associate with European films of a certain vintage: long kisses on Metro steps, eye-catching skylines of Paris at night and an exceedingly attractive cast of players. Much like Renate Reinsve in "The Worst Person in the World," Efira is compulsively watchable as a heroine whose conflicts are mostly interior: She's beautiful in a natural, understated way that suggests she could be Carey Mulligan's French cousine.

Like so many movies about women calibrating their desires, "Other People's Children" doesn't give Rachel everything she wants. Viewers might find themselves ambushed by a sadness that's foreshadowed in the film's first scene, when she explains to her students, after an interrupted screening of Roger Vadim's "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," that the story will end "badly, of course."

"Other People's Children" may not qualify as a tragedy, but for all its effortless pacing and surface sheen, it conveys two abiding — and, frankly, shattering — truths about love and loss, mortality, and the most confounding contradictions of time. "Life is both short and long," Rachel wistfully notes to Dr. Wiseman. As "Other People's Children" demonstrates, that's both too bad and totally okay.

Unrated. At the AFI Silver. Contains nudity, sexuality, brief profanity and smoking. In French with subtitles. 104 minutes

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Master Gardener ★★☆☆

Sterile thriller about God's lonely man plows a well-worn field

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

The title character of Paul Schrader's "Master Gardener" may look familiar: Narvel Roth (Joel Edgerton), a solitary and meticulous horticulturalist with a dark secret, is the latest iteration of a trope that the writer of the Oscar-winning "Taxi Driver" and, more recently, the director of "The Card Counter" and "First Reformed" has made a career out of exploring, often but not always to great effect. It's a character commonly known as God's lonely man, or, as Schrader put it more simply in a 2018 interview with this writer, "the man in a room," alone with his thoughts.

Narvel keeps a journal filled with philosophically tinged entries on plant tending (and, well, other matters) that we see him writing throughout the film and hear in voice-over narration. He compares the sensation produced by the scent of the nandina leaf, for instance, to the "buzz" of firing a gun, which is the first indication that he may not be who he appears to be. Narvel wears his close-cropped hair in



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Joel Edgerton, as a solitary and meticulous horticulturalist with a dark secret, and Sigourney Weaver in "Master Gardener."

what some have called the "fashy" (for fascist) style. And when he takes his shirt off in his spartan, fastidiously tidy cabin, outfitted with an almost monastic single bed and little else, we see that his upper body is covered in disturbing tattoos, the troubling provenance of which will gradually be made clear.

When Narvel speaks, it is with a stiff and archaic formality, like a man from another century, saying "That sounds like just the ticket" when he is offered a cocktail by his wealthy employer, Norma (Sigourney Weaver), who calls him Sweet Pea, a term of endearment — and, perhaps, a code word signaling that she is ready to engage in behavior with him that many would consider to transgress the boundaries of a professional relationship.

It's all so very strange and arch and slightly icky.

The ickiness increases upon the arrival of Norma's troubled, much younger grandniece, Maya (Quintessa Swindell), a druggie with intelligence and promise whom Norma has persuaded Narvel to take on as an apprentice. Maya, according to Norma, in this Louisiana-set thriller that features an ethnically diverse cast of actors playing Narvel's staff, is "of mixed blood" — another odd locution to hear coming out of someone's mouth in this day and age.

Just how Narvel has come to be the caretaker of Norma's garden, a rambling property — open to the public and surrounding what Narvel calls the "grand house," like something out of "Gone With the Wind" — is unpeeled slowly by Schrader, with a nice sense of pacing, purpose and suspense.

But where the story goes is less convincing, even by the standards of a filmmaker who, in "First Reformed," filmed a physical encounter between the main characters — a lonely, widowed minister (Ethan Hawke) and the woman (Amanda Seyfried) who seeks his counseling after her husband's suicide — by depicting their bodies levitating in space. There is a similar episode of magic realism here, after an encounter between Narvel and Maya, but it doesn't work as well, even as a manifestation of the characters' inner emotions.

And speaking of emotions, there is precious little in the way of feeling here that registers as believable. Maya and Norma, who become rivals of a sort, emote all over the place, but Edgerton's Narvel keeps his own sentiments in such close check that he feels more vegetable than animal.

I wanted to buy this story. I really did. But its protagonist floats through the action — filled with jealousy, lust and violence — as though he were anesthetized. When Narvel says, in response to an offer of sexual gratification, that he would "like nothing more" than to accept, he might as well be talking about a second cocktail. It's not that you won't believe him. It's as if he doesn't believe it himself.

R. At area theaters. Contains coarse language, brief sexual material and nudity. 110 minutes.

It Ain't Over ★★★☆

Doc shows Yogi Berra could do much more than turn a phrase

BY THOMAS FLOYD

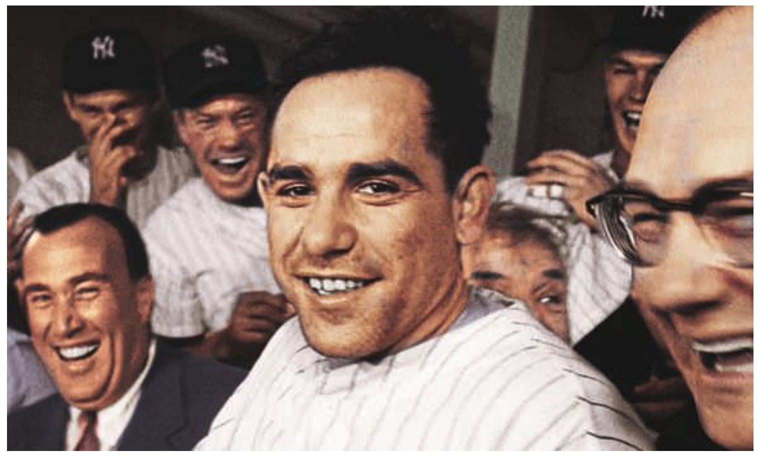
As Sean Mullin's admiring documentary "It Ain't Over" makes clear, Yogi Berra wasn't built like a Baseball Hall of Famer. The longtime New York Yankees catcher, who died in September 2015 at age 90, stood at 5-foot-7, never exactly sculpted his squat physique and would have been the first to admit he didn't have magazine-cover looks.

But Berra's accomplishments belied his unassuming image: 10 World Series titles, three MVP awards and 18 all-star selections during a playing career that spanned 1946 to 1965. So it's fitting that "Over," at a compact 98 minutes, proves to be such a comprehensive encapsulation of an American icon known more for his ubiquitous turns of phrase — "It ain't over till it's over" chief among them — than for his exploits on the diamond.

Mullin's documentary seeks, first and foremost, to correct that perception. "[Mickey] Mantle was Elvis in pinstripes, and Yogi was Sancho Panza," says Billy Crystal, Berra's longtime friend and an incisive source of on-screen insight. "I think it's quite evident that his personality overshadowed his talent as a ballplayer." Mullin comes out swinging at that distortion. As "It Ain't Over" opens with a ceremony from the 2015 All-Star Game that recognized Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Sandy Koufax and Willie Mays as baseball's four greatest living legends, the film cuts to Berra's incredulous granddaughter wondering why her grandfather got short shrift.

The ensuing scroll through Berra's life story efficiently but affectionately hits its biographical beats. Wielding a trove of vintage photographs and archival footage, "It Ain't Over" paints a colorful portrait of a working-class player with no shortage of wit, pluck and self-deprecation. Musings on Berra's humble upbringing, as a second-generation Italian immigrant from St. Louis, and his experience storming the beaches of Normandy quickly ground the larger-than-life figure. The sweetly sentimental tale of how Berra wooed his wife, Carmen, further fleshes out a man often flattened into a caricature, as do reflections on their 65-year marriage.

But it's the movie's position on Berra the ballplayer that justifies



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Yogi Berra, center, was known for Yogi-isms like "It's deja vu all over again," but he was also a multiple-time MVP and all-star.

the entire enterprise. Crisp graphics convincingly make the case that Berra remains underappreciated. A fawning collection of talking heads — such as sportswriters Bob Costas and Claire Smith, retired all-stars Derek Jeter and Nick Swisher, and managerial greats Joe Torre and Joe Maddon — intricately deconstruct Berra's knack for making contact at the plate and calling a pristine game behind it. His role in catching the only perfect game in World Series history, from Don Larsen in 1956, gets its due in transfixing detail. And Berra's lifelong insistence that he tagged out Jackie Robinson when the Brooklyn Dodgers star stole home in the 1955 World Series makes for a charming recurring gag.

"It Ain't Over" also doesn't shy away from the less glamorous phases of Berra's life. His tumultuous coaching career gets as much time as his decorated playing days. Berra's son Dale bravely opens up about his own cocaine addiction and the tough love his father administered to help him get sober. For all of the Berra family's consternation over Yogi's cartoonish public image, there's still fun to be had as those closest to him — and, in amusing archival interviews, Berra himself — struggle to decipher his Yogi-isms. (For the uninitiated, he also coined the phrases, "It's deja vu all over again," "If you can't imitate him, don't copy him," and "When you come to a fork in the road, take it.")

A clever framing device places Berra's sayings alongside comparable pearls of wisdom from the likes of William Shakespeare, Plato and Albert Einstein. Berra's advice, of course, tends to be dizzyingly contradictory but deceptively simple. The same could be said of "It Ain't Over," which zips through Berra's life without ever feeling rushed. When it comes to Mullin's well-paced depiction of a misunderstood legend, Berra's words put it best: "You can observe a lot by watching."

PG. At area theaters. Contains smoking, some drug references, strong language and brief war images. 98 minutes.

Monica ★★½☆

A trans woman and her dying mother tiptoe toward acceptance

BY MARK JENKINS

Several times during "Monica," the title character rages against absent people or at herself. These episodes don't, however, foreshadow an emotional blowout between the drama's central figures: Monica, a transgender woman, and her mother Eugenia, who disowned her years before. Aside from those few excited moments, the film is deliberate, shadowed and whispery. Rather than struggle to a breakdown or breakthrough, mother and child tiptoe to acceptance.

This works mostly because director and co-writer Andrea Pallaoro was wise — or fortunate — enough to cast Patricia Clarkson as Eugenia and trans actress Trace Lysette as Monica. Both use small gestures and guarded expressions to convey a shifting, and believable, array of emotions.

Severely ill and probably dying, Eugenia can be abrupt and abrasive. But she finds comfort in the touches of her young grandchildren and the newly arrived Monica, whose precise identity she is never told but seems eventually to intuit. Monica resents how she was once treated but can't help but feel tender toward her now-diminished mother. The long-absent daughter is also soothed by the welcome offered by her niece and nephews and their mother, Laura (Emily Browning), the sister-in-law she'd never previously met.



IFC FILMS

Trace Lysette plays the title character in Andrea Pallaoro's "Monica," a slim and open-ended story that's recounted indirectly.

It's Laura who tracks down Monica and encourages her to travel from California to her hometown in Ohio. There, the exiled daughter tentatively reconciles with her brother, Paul (Joshua Close), and bonds with his and Laura's kids. Introduced to Eugenia only as someone who's there to help, Monica starts to assist her mother's nurse, Letty (Adriana Barraza).

The slim and open-ended story is recounted indirectly, with relatively little dialogue. Monica doesn't divulge much of herself to the viewer, except during a few one-sided phone conversations with men who have disappointed her. Pallaoro and Orlando Tirado's terse script distills her life to silent and solitary moments. In one, she injects an unknown substance — presumably some form of hormone therapy — into her thigh. In another, she play-acts a writhing sexual scenario, apparently for a live-streaming audience.

In her private moments, Monica is often accompanied by a soundtrack of hip and mostly British art-punk oldies by the likes of New Order, Pulp and Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark. She's also seen wearing a Cocteau Twins T-shirt. Whether this reflects the taste of the character or her creator is unclear.

Pallaoro is a U.S.-based Italian director whose style owes less to Hollywood than to European art films. (His introductory shot of Monica in a tanning salon seems an homage to the opening of "Gomorrah," the acclaimed 2008 Italian gangster movie.) Cinematographer Katelin Arizmendi filmed "Monica" in a boxy, near-square format that represents the title character's circumscribed life. Monica is often seen cornered in tight spaces, or partly outside the frame, or largely hidden, whether by a beaded curtain or by her own lush red mane. Frequently, she's glimpsed only in a mirror or other shiny surface, as if to suggest she's as much image as person. The filmmakers' treatment of their protagonist is sympathetic, if often as one-dimensional as those reflections.

"Monica" is moody, slow-moving and stronger on style than characterization, yet Lysette and Clarkson endow it with feeling. This is a broken-family drama that culminates not with shouted recriminations or smashed crockery, but with baths, massages and gentle kisses.

R. At Landmark's E Street Cinema. Contains sexual situations, nudity, strong language and smoking. 110 minutes.

Movies

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The cast of the real estate reality show "Selling Sunset," Season 6; Patricia Arquette, left, and Weruche Opia in "High Desert"; Ignacio Diaz-Silverio, left, and Stakiah Lynn Washington in "Primo," produced by Michael Schur; Jack Harlow, left, and Sinqua Walls in "White Men Can't Jump," a remake of the 1992 film; and Tinsley Mortimer in a scene from Zackary Drucker's documentary "Queenmaker: The Making of an It Girl."

Fear the Walking Dead, Season 8

Picking off where Season 7 of "The Walking Dead" spinoff series left off, Morgan (Lennie James), Madison (Kim Dickens) and the others they brought to the island are now living under PADRE's tyrannical rule. With the rest of the gang dejected, Morgan's daughter Mo is tasked with reigniting a belief in a better world in the final season. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: AMC Plus

To Catch a Killer

Shailene Woodley stars as a police investigator (billed as a young, Clarice Starling-esque character who is wrestling with the demons of her past) who teams up with an FBI agent (Ben Mendelsohn) to profile and track the work of a disturbed criminal in this film thriller. *R.*

Where to watch: On demand

Anna Nicole Smith: You Don't Know Me

From director Ursula Macfarlane ("Untouchable") comes a new look at the life and death of Anna Nicole Smith — model, actress and '90s bombshell. With never-before-seen home videos and interviews from key figures in her story, this feature documentary reveals fresh insights into Smith's glamorization in a cutthroat media-scape and how it played into the end of her life. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Netflix

High Desert

This new series introduces Peggy Newman, a woman with a drug-riddled past who decides to become a private investigator after the death of her mother in the desert town of Yucca Valley, Calif. It's like "Breaking Bad" but with more laughs and fewer gunfights. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Apple TV Plus

The Family Stallone

In a new framing of Sylvester Stallone that betrays his masculine public image, this new reality series follows his life with his wife, Jennifer, and their three daughters — Sophia, Sistine and Scarlet, hosts of the podcast "Unwaxed." Rocky who? *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Paramount Plus

Queenmaker: The Making of an It Girl

Directed by Zackary Drucker, this documentary examines Manhattan's elite and the Park Avenue Peerage blog. Told through the voices of insiders and experts, it looks at what happened when an anonymous blogger, who infiltrated socialite society, was unmasked. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Hulu

Selling Sunset, Season 6

The latest season of the reality show, about a group of high-end real estate agents in Southern California, has its usual glitz and glam, but it's missing one of its main characters, Christine Quinn. Still, expect the same cutthroat drama as agents fight over clients. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Netflix

White Men Can't Jump

In rapper Jack Harlow's acting debut, this remake of the 1992 film of the same name follows two basketball hustlers who create lucrative cons while aiming to stay ahead of mobsters — and their wives. This casting, the subject of some controversy, raises the question of whether Harlow can do justice to a sports comedy classic. *R.*

Where to watch: Hulu

Primo

Produced by Michael Schur, "The Good Place" creator, this new single-camera comedy series tells the coming-of-age story of Rafa, a teenager in San Antonio living with his mother and five overbearing uncles as he traverses the seas of adolescence, finishing high school, leaving for college and meeting the girl of his dreams. *Unrated.*

Where to watch: Amazon Freevee

Also opening



FREESTYLE DIGITAL MEDIA

"**Grandpa Was an Emperor**" is a documentary by Constance Marks following Yeshi Kassa, great-granddaughter of the Ethiopian emperor Haile Selassie, as Kassa investigates what happened to her relatives after the 1974 coup that deposed her great-grandfather and landed other family members in prison. *Unrated. At the AFI Silver. In English and Amharic with subtitles. 92 minutes.*

Common Sense Media What parents need to know

Fast X (PG-13)

Age 14+

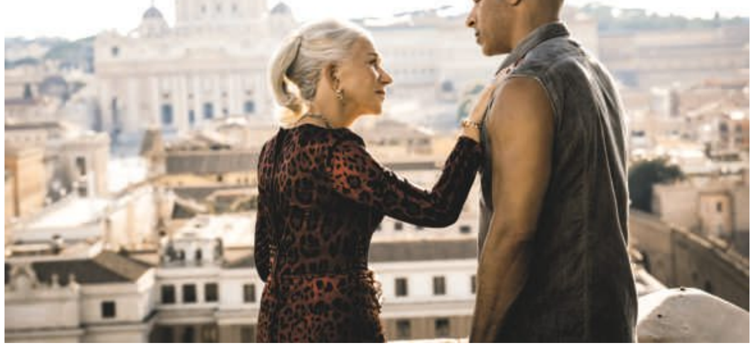
Tired fights, crashes, explosions in first of multi-parter.

"Fast X" is the 10th official entry in the Fast & Furious franchise (not counting "Hobbs & Shaw"), as well as the first part of a multipart series (it ends on a cliffhanger). It doesn't fully satisfy, but there are still enough wild stunts to keep fans eager to spend time with Dom (Vin Diesel) and his found family. Violence is typical for the series, with nonstop over-the-top, cartoonish action mayhem. Expect guns and shooting, fighting, kicking, slamming, stabbing, car crashes, explosions, a runaway bomb and more. Characters seemingly die (off screen). The villain (Jason Momoa) stabs someone and licks the blood from his blade and also talks to two corpses he has propped up in chairs, with their mouths and eyes taped open. Sporadic strong language includes "s---," "goddamn," "b------," "b----," etc. Two characters kiss and caress each other, and — even though some of the movie's female characters are self-sufficient and smart — there's objectification of women's bottoms and legs during a race. Adults drink beer socially, and a character eats a muffin that causes a brief LSD-like effect. (141 minutes)



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FOR DISNEY/DUSAN MARTINCEK

Bel Powley, left, as Miep Gies and Liev Schreiber as Otto Frank watch Nazi soldiers march down the street in Amsterdam in "A Small Light," about a woman who hid Anne Frank's family in World War II.



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Helen Mirren, left, and Vin Diesel in "Fast X," the 10th official entry in the violent, over-the-top Fast & Furious franchise.

The Starling Girl (R)

Age 15+

Coming-of-age drama explores sexuality, religion, addiction.

"The Starling Girl" is a coming-of-age drama centering on sexuality and religion. The main character is 17-year-old Jem Starling (Eliza Scanlen), who's judged by her rural Kentucky church community as she starts to be seen as sexually mature. Her parents think that it's time for her to start thinking about "fulfilling her purpose" as a wife and mother, but Jem is more interested in connecting with 28-year-old married youth group leader Owen (Lewis Pullman), whose life experiences outside the community intrigue her. The two develop a sexual relationship that has a skewed power dynamic given their significant age difference. There's no explicit nudity, but be prepared for discussions about sex and morality. Characters get into arguments/intense exchanges, and there are a few instances of one character hitting another, with some blood. In another scene, a character forcibly holds someone's head underwater for a long time. An adult character struggles with alcoholism. (116 minutes)

Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai (TV-PG)

STREAMING

Age 8+

Spirited adventure series has lots of action, some peril.

"Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai" is an animated series for kids that details the history of the creatures that first hit screens in the 1980s. It's set in 1920s China, when a kind young boy named Sam (voiced by Izaac Wang) and his grandfather (James Hong) come upon a mystical Mogwai. The show is tamer than the movies that inspired it, but there's some peril that may be intense for younger kids, plus lots of action and adventure. Violence includes knives and explosions, and Sam's grandfather pranks him with a human skull in his bed. Through his adventures, Sam learns to be brave and stand up for what's right. (10 half-hour episodes)

Available on HBO Max.

A Small Light (TV-14)

STREAMING

Age 12+

Moving tale of woman who hid Anne Frank's family from Nazis.

"A Small Light" tells the story of Miep Gies (Bel Powley), who hid Anne Frank's family and other Jewish people in Amsterdam during World War II. While appropriate for older tweens, it deals with heavy material. Some characters tell emotional stories about when they realized that Germany wasn't their home anymore. Others talk about death camps and waiting for Nazis to come and kill them. Scenes show Nazi soldiers marching on Amsterdam and rounding up Jewish people by throwing them into trucks. Someone tells the story of an ice-cream shop owner whom the Nazis shot and killed because he defended his Jewish customers. Miep talks about being malnourished and near death at 10 years old, which led to her birth mother giving her to a family who could feed her. Characters kiss, and a married couple starts to take off their clothes to have sex (only a bare male chest is shown). Language includes insults ("idiot") and occasional use of words such as "s---." (Four roughly hour-long episodes)

Available on Disney Plus.

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"Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai," an animated series for kids that details the history of the creatures that first hit screens in the 1980s, takes place in 1920s China.



BRIAN LANNIN/BLEECKER STREET

Eliza Scanlen stars as 17-year-old Jem Starling, a member of a rural Kentucky church community, in the coming-of-age drama "The Starling Girl."

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5612 Connecticut Ave.

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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 10:00-11:20-1:45-4:10-6:40-9:05
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:10-9:45
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10-11:45
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 10:00AM
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:10-2:40-6:00-9:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 10:20-1:00-3:50-6:30-9:10

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 1:00-2:15-4:00-5:30-7:00-8:45-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 12:50-3:50-6:50-10:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:10-7:20-10:10
Hypnotic (R) CC: 6:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:10-4:30-7:40-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:45-8:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:45-7:30-10:30

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10300 Little Patuxent Pkwy.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:25-3:10-7:05-9:50
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:05-5:05-10:05
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-4:20-6:50-9:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:25-9:10
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:55
BlackBerry (R) CC: 11:05-7:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 5:10-7:35-10:10
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:15
Sisu (R) CC: 2:35-7:35
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 4:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-4:30-6:30-8:00-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:10-2:40-4:40-6:10-8:10-9:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:40-7:10
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 1:00

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9811 Washingtonian Ctr.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:05-2:55-6:45-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-2:30-5:15-6:15-8:45-9:45
Hypnotic (R) CC: 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 9:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
Master Gardener (R) 11:00-1:45-7:30
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:30-4:00-7:30-11:00
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 12:00-3:15-6:30-10:00
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 5:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 11:15AM
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 8:00
Carmen (R) CC: 11:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00
Over My Dead Body 4:30-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:45-3:20-6:45-10:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:00-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:00-12:00-1:30-2:30-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:30-9:30-10:30; 3:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:30-3:15-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:15-8:30-9:45-10:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:15-6:00-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:30-8:00-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:45-3:45-6:15-10:15
Hypnotic (R) 2:30-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:15-6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:00-5:00-7:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:30-2:00-3:45-5:15-7:00-8:30-9:45-10:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:30-6:15-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:10-2:30-4:20-6:00-7:15-9:30-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:30-6:45-9:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 4:10-10:45
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:15
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:40-6:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 2:05-4:30-7:45-10:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:15-10:00

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7101 Democracy Boulevard

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:30-4:15-5:15-7:00-7:45-8:45-9:30-10:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:45-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:00-2:00-3:30-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:00-10:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:15-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 6:45-10:00
It Ain't Over (PG) CC: 7:15
Air (R) CC: 4:10-9:15
Rally Road Racers (PG) 12:05-4:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:30-9:45
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 4:15-7:05
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:00-5:45-8:30-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 6:00
It Ain't Over (PG) OC: 4:45

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7000 Arundel Mills Circle

Simhadri (NR) 5:30-9:30
Fast X (PG-13) 10:15-10:30-11:15-11:20-12:05-12:30-1:30-1:50-2:30-2:40-3:25-3:45-4:45-5:10-5:45-6:00-6:45-7:00-8:00-9:00-9:20-10:05-10:15-10:30; 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:35
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:30-3:15-7:05-10:55
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Hypnotic (R) 3:35-7:10-9:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:35-9:50-10:05-10:25-11:10-12:05-12:55-1:40-2:35-4:10-5:05-6:50-7:35-9:25
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:20-1:05-3:55-6:40-9:25
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:45-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25
Sisu (R) 10:00-12:30-3:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:20
Fast X (PG-13) XD: 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 10:40-1:10
BlackBerry (R) 10:45AM
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 1:45-6:15-9:50
Bichagadu 2 2:25-9:30
Pichaikkaran 2 10:55-6:00
2018 (Malayalam) 3:40-7:20-10:50
Fast X (PG-13) 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50

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629 Center Point Way

Fast X (PG-13) 12:00-12:40-1:20-2:00-2:40-3:40-4:20-5:00-5:40-6:20-7:20-8:00-8:40-9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-3:00-4:40-8:20-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 2:20-6:00-10:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-3:20-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 6:40

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:00-7:00-8:00-9:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 5:00-9:10; 1:10-4:15-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:05-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:20-3:45-6:30-9:30
Chevalier (PG-13) 6:45
Air (R) 4:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:30-3:45-6:20-9:45
Master Gardener (R) 1:50-4:30-7:10-10:00

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Rd. Unit H-1

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:15-1:45-2:15-3:30-4:25-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:20-3:50-7:15-9:25
Air (R) 1:10-3:40-7:30-9:55
Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:00-5:10-6:15-7:00-8:10-9:20-10:00
Hypnotic (R) 5:25
Love Again (PG-13) 1:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:40-4:15-7:10-9:40

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway

Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 5:15-7:45
Master Gardener (R) 5:00-7:30

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:00-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:15-2:30-6:05-9:35
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-3:30-6:05-8:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:30-4:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 6:30-9:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

Fast X (PG-13) 10:15-10:45-11:30-12:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:45-3:15-4:15-4:45-5:15-6:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:15-9:45-10:45-11:15
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 10:05-1:20-4:40-7:55
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 10:30-2:20-6:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:30-11:15-12:15-12:45-1:15-2:05-2:50-3:20-3:45-4:20-4:50-5:30-6:15-7:15-7:45-8:15-8:55-9:50-10:10-10:50-11:15
Hypnotic (R) 4:25-6:50-9:35
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:55-1:25-4:00-6:40-9:10
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 10:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:40-2:30-5:20-8:10-11:00
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 11:05
BlackBerry (R) 10:00-1:05-4:55-7:50-10:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:20-3:00-5:40-8:20-11:00
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 10:10-1:50-5:25-9:00
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Fool's Paradise (R) 1:35
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:40AM
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:45-6:45
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 6:30

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard

Fast X (PG-13) 11:35-12:10-12:40-1:20-1:50-2:50-3:30-4:50-5:40-6:10-6:50-7:30-8:20-9:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:10-5:50-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:40-12:20-1:00-1:40-3:00-3:45-4:25-5:20-6:20-7:00-7:50-8:40-9:40
Hypnotic (R) 9:25
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:45-2:00-4:30-7:10-9:35
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 1:30-5:00-8:50
Fool's Paradise (R) 11:30AM
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 4:10

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.

Fast X (PG-13) 11:30-12:20-1:00-1:40-2:50-3:50-4:20-5:00-6:10-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:30-10:30
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50
Fool's Paradise (R) 12:10-3:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:20-7:00

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-1:45-2:40-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:10-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:40-9:30-10:30-11:00-11:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:00-6:40-10:45
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Hypnotic (R) 4:45-9:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:15-1:15-3:50-6:20-8:50-11:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:05-12:40-3:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 2:00-7:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:45

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Ave.

Fast X (PG-13) 11:20-12:20-12:50-2:50-3:50-4:20-6:20-7:20-7:50-9:50-10:50-11:20

Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Dr.

Fast X (PG-13) 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:50
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 6:30-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 5:20-9:20
Hypnotic (R) 1:10-4:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:30-12:40-2:10-3:30-5:00-6:10-7:40-8:40-10:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35
Love Again (PG-13) 11:40-2:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-3:10-6:40-9:40
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Fast X (PG-13) 11:20-11:50-12:50-1:50-2:50-3:20-4:20-5:20-6:20-6:50-7:50-8:50-9:50-10:20-11:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:00-12:10-1:20-2:30-4:50-6:00-7:10-8:20-9:30

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way

Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-11:30-1:30-2:10-2:40-4:50-5:30-6:00-7:40-8:00-8:40-9:10-11:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:20-3:10-5:40-9:30
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-7:30-10:30
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:30-3:50-7:00-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:50-9:50
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 4:20

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike

Fast X (PG-13) 12:10-3:30-7:00-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-12:20-1:50-2:50-3:50-5:10-6:20-7:20-8:40-9:50-10:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:00-1:30-4:10-6:40-9:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:40
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Fast X (PG-13) 11:40-1:00-3:00-4:20-7:40-10:00-11:00; 6:30

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7710 Matapeake Business Dr.

John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 10:50-2:20-6:20-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-12:20-2:40-3:40-6:00-7:00-9:20-10:30
Fast X (PG-13) 10:20-11:00-12:10-12:50-1:30-2:10-3:20-4:05-4:40-5:20-6:30-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:40-10:20
Hypnotic (R) 11:35-4:45-9:55
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:40-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:25-1:05-4:15-6:45-9:25
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 1:55-7:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00-1:20-4:50-8:10

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11830 Grand Park Ave.

Fast X (PG-13) (!) 3:15-3:45-6:00-6:45-9:30-10:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:00-6:15-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:15-4:00-6:30-7:00-10:00-10:30
Hypnotic (R) (!) 3:00-7:15-10:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:30-7:30-10:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) (!) 3:30-7:45-11:00

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2150 Clarendon Blvd.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:50-3:20-4:10-6:40-7:30-10:00-10:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:30-4:30-8:00-9:15-10:20
Hypnotic (R) CC: 11:35-4:40-11:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-1:50-4:20-6:50-9:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:30-6:00-11:15
Air (R) CC: 3:10-8:35
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 2:05-7:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:10-7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:00-5:00-7:10-10:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.

Fast X (PG-13) OC: 4:15; 5:15; 11:30-2:45-6:00-9:15
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 4:00-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 12:00-4:00-8:00-9:45
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Sisu (R) CC: 6:00
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-8:45
Nefarious (R) CC: 1:30-7:00-9:30
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 3:30-8:30
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 12:00-5:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
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Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:00-2:00-3:15-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:45

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2700 Potomac Mills Cir.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 4:40-10:40
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:20-3:10-6:50-10:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:00-1:20-3:45-6:10-8:30-10:50
Hypnotic (R) CC: 11:10-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:10-11:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:10-3:45-6:20
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 11:10AM
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 1:50-7:45
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 11:45-5:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:15-2:45-6:15-9:45
Carmen (R) CC: 9:50
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Carmen (R) OC: 2:10
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 1:45; 5:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.

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Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 11:25-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Air (R) CC: 5:00-11:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:30-7:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10

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7850e Tysons Corner Ctr.

Simhadri (NR) 6:25-10:05
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:45-8:00
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:10-6:00-9:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:15-3:00-6:50-10:35
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:35-3:05
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:25-1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 3:10-8:15
It Ain't Over (PG) CC: 11:10-5:10-7:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:00-2:35-5:20-8:10-10:45
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Sisu (R) CC: 3:35
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AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 10:45-4:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:45-6:30-10:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza

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Fast X (PG-13) 11:40-3:20-7:00-10:40
BlackBerry (R) 6:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:00AM; 12:45-1:45-3:35-6:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:45-3:45-7:40-10:40

ALSO PLAYING

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★★★☆ AIR
We all know how the tale of Michael Jordan and Nike ends up, but Ben Affleck's film about it is a smart and entertaining delight. (R, 112 minutes)

★★★☆ ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET
Writer-director Kelly Fremon Craig finds the humor in adolescence without mocking her heroine. (PG-13, 106 minutes)

★★☆☆ BEAU IS AFRAID
Ari Aster, the auteur behind "Hereditary" and "Midsommar," turns his attention to the horrors of the maternal relationship. (R, 179)

★★★☆ BLACKBERRY
This fact-based drama traces the history of the titular smartphone, once ubiquitous, now gone. (R, 124 minutes)

★★☆☆ BOOK CLUB: THE NEXT CHAPTER
Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton and Mary Steenburgen star in this sequel to 2018's giggly, featherweight mom-com. (PG-13, 107 minutes)

★★☆☆ CARMEN
The ambitious directorial debut of dancer and choreographer Benjamin Millepied is puzzlingly uneven. (R, 116 minutes)

★★½☆ CHEVALIER
Biopic about the 18th-century mixed-race composer and musician Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, plays a little fast and loose with history. (PG-13, 107 minutes)

★★½☆ DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: HONOR AMONG THIEVES
"Honor Among Thieves" comes with a lot of D&D baggage, but the fantasy adventure is fun enough for even non-players to enjoy. (PG-13, 134 minutes)

★★½☆ EVIL DEAD RISE
Formulaic installment in the horror franchise about parasitic demons has big shoes to fill but gets the job done. (R, 96 minutes)

★★☆☆ GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3
The poignant origin story of Rocket Raccoon is a bittersweet nugget of storytelling, smothered in special-effects sauce. (PG-13, 150 minutes)

★★★☆ GUY RITCHIE'S THE COVENANT
Jake Gyllenhaal stars as an American soldier who feels compelled to rescue his Afghan interpreter, in hiding and hunted by the Taliban. (R, 123 minutes)

★★★½ JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4
The fourth installment in the martial arts action franchise ups the ante, with stunning set pieces of fight choreography. (R, 169 minutes)

★★½☆ POLITE SOCIETY
Priya Kansara plays an aspiring stuntwoman in this crassly funny comic book movie set in the milieu of London's Pakistani community. (PG-13, 104 minutes)

★★★☆ R.M.N.
Cristian Mungiu's latest social realist film is as gripping and scrupulously humane as the Romanian filmmaker's admirers have come to expect from an artist of supreme discipline and dramatic skill. (Unrated, 125 minutes. In English, Romanian, Hungarian, German, French and Sinhala with subtitles)

★★★☆ SOMEWHERE IN QUEENS
Ray Romano and Laurie Metcalf star in Romano's directorial debut: a father-and-son dramedy of aspiration and finding your own path. (R, 106 minutes)

★★½☆ THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE
Video-game-inspired adventure is a colorful, creative story with more twists and turns than the plumbing under your sink. (PG, 92 minutes)



RICCARDO GHILARDI/FIFTH SEASON/FOCUS FEATURES

From left, Mary Steenburgen, Candice Bergen, Diane Keaton and Jane Fonda in "Book Club: The Next Chapter," which takes the group to Italy to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Fonda's character.



IFC FILMS

Jay Baruchel plays Mike Lazaridis in "BlackBerry," a funny, insightful corporate biopic directed by Matt Johnson.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

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Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:30-12:30-2:15-3:45-7:05-8:30-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:40-1:45-4:15-6:30-8:45
The Eight Mountains 10:55AM
Master Gardener (R) 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45
Air (R) 2:10-7:35
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:10
Jackie I Am 21 4:45
Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-1:00-4:00-5:30-7:00-10:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:50-1:30-4:10-6:45-9:15
The Starling Girl (R) 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:15

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard

Hypnotic (R) 6:00-8:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 4:20-7:20-10:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:55-3:10-4:05-5:15-6:30-7:30-10:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 3:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 2:05-4:40-7:10
Air (R) 2:40-5:25-8:10-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 8:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:55-6:50-9:40
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Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-2:45-4:55-7:15-9:30
Somewhere in Queens (R) 10:00-12:15-2:25-7:20-9:35
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BlackBerry (R) 9:45-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:00
Master Gardener (R) 9:45-12:10-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:25

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive

Simhadri (NR) 5:30-9:30
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 10:55-6:00-9:35
Bichagadu 2 2:30
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 10:00-11:35-5:25-8:00-10:35

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way

Simhadri (NR) 5:30-9:30
Fast X (PG-13) XD: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 11:40-3:10-6:40-10:10
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Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road

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Fast X (PG-13) OC: 5:30

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle

Fast X (PG-13) 11:30-12:30-2:45-3:45-6:00-7:00-9:15-10:15

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road

Fast X (PG-13) 12:00-3:10-6:20-7:20-9:30-10:30

Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza

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Regal Kingstowne & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Ctr.

Fast X (PG-13) 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15; 11:30-2:45-6:00-9:15; 10:15-10:45-1:00-1:30-2:00-4:15-4:45-5:15-7:30-8:00-8:30

Regal Manassas & IMAX
11380 Bulloch Drive

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Regal Springfield Town Center
6859 Springfield Mall

Fast X (PG-13) 10:15-11:00-11:30-12:30-1:30-2:15-2:45-3:45-4:45-5:30-6:00-7:00-8:00-8:45-9:15-10:15-11:20
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Regal Virginia Gateway & RPX
8001 Gateway Promenade Place

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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air & Space Museum Pkwy.

Space Station (NR) 10:30AM

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road

Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:30-10:05
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